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Schmidt clarifies stand on neutron

BONN, Sept. 9 (AFP) — West Germany is not the only Western European country to deploy the neutron weapon as this would jeopardize its relations with East Germany, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said in an interview published Wednesday by *Wazters*, the weekly Social Democrat Party newspaper.

"It is Germany's overall interest not to go it alone, so that the East cannot isolate us in the area," Schmidt said. "I am speaking of conventional forces, but this is also true of nuclear weapons of all types including the neutron bomb," he added.

President Ronald Reagan recently said his administration would produce and stockpile enhanced-radiation weapons, commonly known as the neutron bomb, which destroys while doing relatively little material damage.

"There are West German interests, there are East German interests, and beyond that, there are German interests, the interests of the German nation," the chancellor said.

It is in the German interest that no war breaks out in Europe as the territories of both West Germany and East Germany would likely be at the center of hostilities," he said.

Both Germanies must "work toward the peace of forces and military deterrence," Schmidt added. The German chancellor is due to meet East German leader Erich Honecker.

Meanwhile, the annual German-Polish talks on arms control and disarmament were at the foreign ministry here Tuesday, an official spokesman said here Wednesday.

The talks reportedly centered on European disarmament problems, including the proposed signing of nuclear-tipped medium-range missiles in Europe.

The West German delegation reportedly said the Western alliance's interest in negotiations between the United States and Soviet Union later this year, and the idea of a conference on disarmament in Europe, while British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Wednesday defended the decision to produce neutron weapons, it would enable the West to deliver "a stinging blow" in answer to a Soviet threat. Thatcher told a British Broadcasting Corp. Radio interviewer: "Some might think that if they have no nuclear weapons they will be all right. But that is not

Fahd-Haig talks set for Sept. 12

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. will meet with Crown Prince Fahd Saturday in Malaga, Spain, where the Saudi Arabian leader has been staying after his talks with French President Francois Mitterrand in Paris Tuesday.

Discussions will center on Middle East peace prospects and U.S.-Saudi relations, it was learned Wednesday.

It was learned the meeting will take place during a seven-hour stopover by Haig at Malaga on Saturday at the start of a trip to Yugoslavia and West Germany, which had been previously announced.

Haig will leave Washington on Friday to visit Belgrade, Berlin and Bonn before returning to the United States on Sept. 14. The trip to West Germany is intended partly to prepare for Haig's meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in New York on Sept. 23 and 24.

Haig will meet with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and other high officials of the West German government on Sunday and Monday. The unpublished meeting with Prince Fahd has been in the planning stages for several weeks at least. The prince has scheduled to visit the United States later this year and also will head the Saudi delegation to next month's North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico.

Fahd recently outlined an eight-point Arab-Israeli peace plan that has attracted some U.S. interest. Some sources saw significance in the fact that Haig would be meeting with Fahd only 24 hours after conferring with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Washington and less than two weeks before the next round of Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian autonomy, set for Sept. 23 in Cairo.

Haig and Fahd also are expected to discuss (Continued on back page)

Dollar mixed

LONDON, Sept. 9 (AP) — The value of the U.S. dollar was mixed against key foreign currencies Wednesday in trading affected by anxiety over Poland. Gold prices also declined.

For the fourth consecutive day, the dollar gained on the British pound, with sterling trading at \$1.7860 from \$1.80 at the close Tuesday. "Sterling does look like a very, very volatile currency," one trader said, adding that the British currency still had a "long way to go" before hitting bottom.

In Tokyo, the dollar rose against the Japanese yen for a third straight day to close at 232.95 yen from Tuesday's close of 232.05.

Gold dropped to \$436.75 a troy ounce in London from Tuesday's \$438.50 closing rate. In Zurich, bullion was quoted at \$435.50 an ounce, a drop of \$3 from \$438.50 Tuesday. Silver ended in London at \$10.29 up 6 cents from Tuesday when it was \$10.23.



Crown Prince Fahd Alexander Haig

Moon mirrors spell daylight

ROME, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Man could turn night into day by planting mirrors on the moon and reflecting the sun's rays onto earth, French scientist Christian Marchal told delegates attending the 32nd International Space Travel Congress here.

He said his "completely practicable" project would provide enough light by which to read and work at night. Dr. Marchal is an adviser at France's National Office of Aeronautical Study and Research (ONERA).

Moon mirrors could replace night street lighting and save considerable expense on power needs, making outside work on farms or construction sites possible. This would be a boon in tropical regions, for instance.

Needless to say, if Dr. Marchal's project was ever implemented, it would completely change the lives and habits of entire nations. But is it feasible?

A mirror measuring one square meter planted on the moon would reflect the sun's rays over an area of from 3,200-3,800 square kms (about 1,230-1,460 square miles), depending on position of the sun and the moon at the time.



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36 French banks to be taken over

PARIS, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — France's Socialist government Wednesday decided to nationalize 36 French-owned banks effectively putting 95 percent of all deposits under state control.

The government, at a cabinet meeting chaired by President Francois Mitterrand, also approved plans to take over 51 percent of the Matra Armaments and Telecommunications Company and of the Dassault Aviation Concern.

The decisions were reported by presidential spokesman Pierre Bergeyovoy soon after all trading in shares of companies and groups on the government's take-over list was suspended on the Paris Stock Exchange at the request of the economy ministry.

Financial sources said the suspension was requested to prevent speculation in these shares whose value has soared in recent weeks amid reports that the government planned generous compensation terms. Bergeyovoy's announcement gave the first clear details of the government's intentions toward the private banks since Mitterrand was elected May 10 and his Socialist Party then won control of the National Assembly.

Although the Socialist Leader had made clear his plans to nationalize major banks, as well as 17 large industrial groups, the exact number to be taken over had not previously been revealed. Exact terms of the nationalization measures will be detailed in a bill to be presented before a cabinet meeting Sept. 23.

Bergeyovoy said Wednesday shareholders would receive bonds as "fair compensation" for their holdings although their exact value and composition had not yet been decided.

While industrialists remain hostile to the program, savers have expressed confidence in the government's \$1.300 billion bond issue at the record rate of 16.75 percent. The issue has been fully subscribed, and consequently the total issue has been raised.

The share suspension covers the following industrial firms, 20 financial houses and France's three main banks which are already nationalized — Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP), Credit Lyonnais and Societe Generale.

The nine industrial groups are: Dassault Aviation, Matra, Compagnie d'Electricite, Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann, Rhoeo Poulenc, Saint-Gobain, Thomson Brandt, Usinor and Saelor.

The Paris Stockbrokers association announced the government requested the suspension until final details of the nationalization bill are worked out and it is approved by the cabinet and sent to parliament.

The action, affecting stock exchanges in Paris, Lyon, Bordeaux, Lille, Nancy and Nantes, apparently was taken to prevent speculation on the markets before the government's final plan for the takeovers is over.

A draft measure for the eventual takeover of major French firms and most of the remaining private banks was worked out during a cabinet meeting last week.

Libya backed against U.S.

TUNIS, Sept. 9 (R) — The Arab League Council has recommended that all its members support Libya in a dispute with the United States over the shooting down of two Libyan jets over the Gulf of Sirte last month, league sources said Wednesday.

Ministers attending the council here studied a Libyan note about the incident and decided to support Tripoli in a debate on the question at the next U.N. General Assembly session, the sources added.

The council also decided to call for a boycott of airlines using Jerusalem airport, they said. Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan al-Qassem asked the council to appeal to world opinion to pressure Israel into abandoning the "profanation and judaization" of Jerusalem.

He told the council he would submit the matter to the next Arab summit.

rafat receives King's message

IRUT, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat received a message from King Khaled Tuesday. The message was conveyed by kingdom's ambassador to Lebanon, Ali al-Sa'ad.

After discussing, during his meeting with the results of the Arab Follow-Up Committee after the recent developments on the Lebanese scene.

The committee last week had resolved to all kinds of arms and ammunition shipment to Lebanon's civil war combatants and to major crossings between Beirut's two sides. The committee decided to set up a liaison sub-committee to establish "effective control" along the Lebanese-Lebanese coast and at all sea harbors to ensure that no kind of arms or ammunition enters Lebanon.

Lebanon is an area of only 10,254 kilometers, it is saturated with arms as a result of 75-76 civil war between rightist Christians and an alliance of nationalist Muslims and Palestinians. Most Christian militias are from Israel and Western mercenaries. The committee's resolution focused on the issue of sea routes to both Christian and Muslim enclaves.

Meanwhile, Israeli planes made several runs over the city Wednesday, drawing fire from Palestinian and Arab peacekeeping anti-aircraft batteries.

Israeli overflights were notably concentrated over the west Beirut neighborhood.

Reagan assures Begin of help Israel's brutality protested

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan told Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Wednesday he knows Israel "lives in constant peril," but pledged, "Israel will have our help."

Reagan greeted Begin, here for three days of talks, at an official welcoming ceremony held on the White House South Lawn.

Neither leader mentioned the proposed U.S. sale of radar planes to Saudi Arabia, which Israel opposes. But Reagan, in his opening remarks, assured Begin that Israel's "security is a principle objective of this administration and we regard Israel as an ally."

It was clear that Reagan was seeking to calm any fears on Begin's part that recent difficulties in the U.S.-Israel relationship would mark the fundamentally good ties that have existed between the two sides.

Reagan said he is confident Israel and the United States will continue their close relationship during the "difficult" search for a Middle East peace.

Begin told Reagan that Israel wants peace on "all our borders."

He also invited Reagan to visit Israel. Israel has declared Jerusalem as its capital, but its claim to sole jurisdiction over the city is not recognized by any nation.

Reagan told Begin, "I welcome this chance to further strengthen the unbreakable ties between the United States and Israel and to assure you of our commitment to Israel's security and well-being."

He said both parties "share a strong commitment to democracy." The two leaders, who had not met until Wednesday then went directly to the Oval Office for their first round of talks. This is Begin's 12th visit to the United States since 1977.

Aides to Begin said that although the Israeli prime minister remains opposed to the sale of U.S. airborne warning and control systems aircraft to Saudi Arabia, he has decided to mute his opposition and probably will leave it to Reagan to raise the subject, rather than bring it up himself. Reagan and Begin planned to discuss a wide range of issues, including stronger U.S.-Israeli military ties, ways of advancing the Camp David peace process.

The two will hold a second meeting Thursday morning.

The Israelis are known to want access to intelligence information from U.S. spy satellites that look down on the Middle East, and U.S. officials were willing to discuss this without any advance commitment. However, one high official declared Tuesday that providing Israel with its own satellite was out of the question.

Even as Reagan and Begin prepared to meet, the administration's preliminary notification to Congress of its intention to sell Saudi Arabia the five AWACS planes became official.

Despite Reagan's record as a staunch supporter of Israel, his administration has been embroiled in a series of disputes with the Begin government over Israel's bombing attacks in Iraq and Lebanon and other issues.

U.S. officials said they hoped Reagan and Begin would put past differences behind them, state their disagreements on the proposed sale of U.S. radar warning planes to Saudi Arabia without acrimony, and move on to the peace process.

A senior administration official told reporters he did not expect Begin to use his visit for "a full-scale undertaking" to defeat the president in his first foreign policy battle in Congress, which must vote on the AWACS deal.

The official said Reagan would emphasize that the United States has "vital interests in the Middle East" and is anxious to see the Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip concluded successfully.

The administration wants to improve U.S. security ties with both Israelis and Arabs, the official said.

LONDON, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — British ultra-orthodox Jews, including 20 rabbis, marched peacefully outside the Israeli embassy Tuesday to protest police brutality against co-religionists in Israel.

The demonstrators carried banners reading, "We will not tolerate your sadistic Nazi police," and accused the Israeli government of allowing the desecration of ancient graves. Ultra-orthodox Jews and Israeli police were clashed in recent weeks over excavations in Jerusalem, which the chief rabbis ruled is the site of a cemetery. Digging resumed this week when the supreme court lifted an official ban on the excavations.

Asher Gratt an Israeli-born Briton who led the embassy demonstration, said another protest would be held Wednesday outside Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's 10 Downing Street office. "We are allowed in Britain and America to express our anger at what is happening in Israel, but our brothers in Israel are being jailed and assaulted," said Gratt.

A spokesman for the Jewish board of deputies in London described the protesters as "ultra-orthodox Jews who form a minority of only a few thousand. They do not represent mainstream orthodox opinion."

But in Los Angeles ten members of the Jewish Defense League took over the Austrian nonstop general's office Tuesday, demanding that Austria sever "its ties with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Police were called in briefly but the JDL was allowed to occupy the consulate for several hours since "no one is really bothering us," said consular spokesman Josephine Habelfeller.

The action was prompted by an attack on a Jewish synagogue Aug. 29 in Vienna, said JDL spokesman David Morris. In that incident, several gunmen opened fire in a synagogue, wounding 20 people and killing two. The JDL alleges the PLO is responsible. "The PLO did not claim responsibility for the attack — in fact they called it 'a cowardly and criminal act,'" Consul General Moser said. "It was another splinter group formerly associated with the PLO and which the PLO has said it cannot control."

In addition to the severance of ties with the PLO, the protesters were demanding that

Austria defend its Jewish population or allow them to arm themselves.

Morris said the demonstrators would not leave until they were certain that the Austrian government was notified of their demands. Moser said that he would cable his government with the demands, and the demonstrators left.

In another development following a recent constitutional court ruling, Vienna's 500 orthodox Jews will establish their own community as of May 1982, Benjamin Schreiber, president of Aguda Israel's Austrian section said Wednesday. Vienna's organized 8,000 or so Jews have so far all been members of the Israeli "Kulturgemeinde," the only Jewish community here to date.

"The court ruling on a constitutional complaint filed by a group of orthodox Jews allows for a 'liberal' and an 'orthodox' community. 'If the Jewish community is led by men who have nothing to do with Jewishity but their origin, inestimable values are lost not only in the religious but also in the cultural field,'" Schreiber told reporters.

He said legislation hitherto in force in Austria had led to a "dictatorship of a few liberals" in the community.

Taipei denies nuclear links with Tel Aviv

TAIPEI, Sept. 9 (AFP) — The foreign ministry has denied reports from Japan that Taiwan is cooperating with Israel and South Africa in developing nuclear weapons.

Foreign ministry spokesman Liu Ta-Jen said Tuesday night that the report was "absolutely groundless and altogether incorrect." President Chiang Ching-kuo has said that the idea of developing nuclear weapons had been raised but vetoed by his father, the late President Chiang Kai-Shek.

President Chiang said Taiwan had the capability to develop nuclear weapons, "but we cannot use them against our compatriots on the Chinese mainland." Taiwan is a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Texaco strikes oil in N. Sea

LONDON, Sept. 9 (AP) — Texaco Ltd., British affiliate of the American oil company, announced Wednesday what it described as "a significant" oil find in the North Sea. It said a test well in block 14-20 of the British sector of the North Sea, approximately 116 miles (185 km) northeast of Aberdeen, Scotland, produced an average rate of 4,526 barrels of crude oil a day.

It is the fourth successful test well discovered by Texaco in the area since 1980, the company said, and technical evaluation was in progress to see whether full production would be profitable.

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Kayyal holds parley with Canada officials

OTTAWA, Sept. 9 (AP) — Bell Canada must prove it is internationally competitive to win the contract for the second phase of Saudi Arabia's telephone project. Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraph and telephones said here Tuesday.

Kayyal, who arrived Monday, told reporters after meeting Communications Minister Francis Fox and Trade Minister Ed Lumley that he does not think his government could find anyone better than Bell Canada. But he stressed the company will have to be competitive internationally.

Bell has four months left on \$1.1-billion five-year contract to provide Saudi Arabia with management and training services. The number of telephones in the country since Bell began its contract has risen to 750,000 from 130,000. Kayyal said, adding that it took the first two years of the contract for Bell people to adapt to working in Saudi Arabia.

"Now that we are starting to accrue benefits, it is very unrealistic that we should think of changing them, at least for the next five years, but they (Bell Canada) have to be competitive," the minister said.

Sudan ratifies marine statute

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Sept. 9 — Sudan became the first country Wednesday by ratifying the statute of the Islamic Shipowners Association which is to be based in this port city.

A government representative signed the accord in the presence of Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Zainul Arefin Osman, his assistant for economic, financial, and



Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal

Meanwhile, Fox said Kayyal will also discuss the possibility of having Canada's communications department set up a spectrum-management system for Saudi Arabia. A spectrum-management system allocates frequencies to broadcasters and telecommunications companies to prevent interference. If Canada wins the contract, it will be worth \$150 million in the initial phase, he said.

administrative affairs, and Asraf-uz-Zaman, director for economic affairs, were also present.

In a speech, Chatti thanked the Sudanese government for the move which, he said, once again showed the special interest it attaches to the OIC and its institutions. He highlighted the importance of the nascent association, saying that it will render great services to the Islamic world and help promote trade exchanges among Islamic countries.

Societies get donation for welfare work

BEIRUT, Sept. 9 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Wednesday gave LL1.13 million (\$830,000) to various welfare societies and establishments in Lebanon.

The Kingdom's ambassador here, Sheikh Ali Shaer, received several heads of welfare societies and handed them the Kingdom's donation to enable them to continue to carry out their humanitarian message in a more satisfactory manner.

Shaer gave LL300,000 to Saeb Salam Foundation for Culture and Higher Education; LL500,000 to the Federation of Islamic Education Institutions; LL128,000 to Muhammad Al-Amin mosque of Beirut; LL100,000 to Kafar Hitti School; LL100,000 to the Muslim Scouts Association and LL109,000 to Sports Club of Beirut.

The ambassador also sent a check of LL150,000 to Dr. Aziz Qallat, chairman of the Development Movement in Beirut; LL25,000 to Sami Shafiq, chairman of the Social Board of Burj Abi Hader area and LL25,000 to Muhammad Alloush, chairman the Cedar Cultural Society.

The recipients expressed their gratitude for the Kingdom's continuous contribution to help them carry out the humane activity.

Kingdom's telephone makes headway

JEDDAH, Sept. 9 — According to recent statistics, released by the Ministry of PTT the number of working telephone lines in the Kingdom passed the 500,000 mark this month. This achievement underlines the tremendous progress made by the Kingdom in telecommunications, just three and a half years after the inception of the telephone expansion program (TEP), a Saudi Telephone press release said.

While it took ten years, from 1968 to 1978, to reach the 125,000 line mark, only two years after the start of the TEP, that figure was doubled. Now Saudi Telephone routinely installs some 150,000 telephones per year.

According to the press release, telecommunications experts indicate, however, that the improvement in service levels is even more impressive than the addition of lines. In fact, the quality of the network has improved dramatically. The number of trouble-free telephone lines per day now stands at 99.7 percent an improvement of some 300 percent from the start of the TEP. When troubles do occur, they are cleared faster than ever before. Over three-quarters of all troubles are now cleared the same day they are reported. The achievements of Saudi Telephone's repair crews is an example of the "success formula" used by Saudi Telephone across the entire range of its activities. Dial tone is now obtained instantly, the quality of transmission is excellent. Significant improvements are evident in virtually all

areas of operation and service.

The modern management techniques fostered by PTT Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal are the keystone of the success formula. In order to meet the ambitious targets set by the government — including the provision of half-a-million telephone installations in record time — the ministry adopted the "management by objective" approach. The Saudi Telephone organization is fully deployed into 17 districts, co-ordinated by a central General Administration in Riyadh which tracks long-range goals, develops plans and programs to meet objectives, distributes the goals among Saudi Telephone's 13,000 employees and allocates the equipment necessary to successfully complete the tasks on time. Specialized follow-up procedural measure results against objectives, holding managers responsible for success in the field.

Management also means the development of manpower, and in the field of employee training Saudi Telephone has made some of its greatest advances. The goal is to fill all top-level jobs with full-trained nationals as soon as possible. This is already true for all district managers and many other senior positions. To meet the remainder of this goal, detailed organization and career plans have been drafted. Organization models define

Saudi Telephone staff needs, vacancies, and resources. Individual career plans are drafted for hundreds of employees, charting the training needs of each individual through successive job positions. Managers are then given courses in practical and theoretical work, tailored to specific job positions. Since the beginning of the TEP, over half-a-million hours of training has been given — the equivalent of one hour of training for each telephone installed. The human element is an essential part of the Saudi Telephone success formula as the modern equipment used.

Other factors were blended into the success formula to make the half-million-line achievement possible. Policies like preventive maintenance, quality checks, concentrated work programs, and the use of automation wherever possible have all contributed to the rapid network build-up. Saudi Telephone has been a pioneer in the use of computers in the Mideast, for example, with the data center in Riyadh taking first place for the sophistication and power of its equipment. A Saudi Telephone innovation was the computerized trouble-search operation, which automatically discovers faults in the line — before the subscriber is even aware that there is trouble.

Chinese premier receives Humaid

TAIPEI, Sept. 9 (CNA) — Premier Sun Yun-Suan has received Sheikh Othman Al-Humaid, assistant minister of defense and aviation of Saudi Arabia, and his mission members.

Premier Sun extended China's hospitality and exchanged opinions on issues and affairs concerning the two countries.

The visitors were accompanied by Saudi Arabian ambassador Asaad Abdul Aziz Al-Zuhair, and Vice Defense Minister K. Y. Chang during the meeting. Earlier, Humaid and his party paid a call on Vice Defense Minister Chang and Adm. Soong Chang-

Chih, chief of the general staff, at the defense ministry.

The mission also visited a marine corps base in suburban Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister Chang Kuo-Ying of the defense ministry and Adm. Tsou Chien, commander-in-chief of the navy, Humaid and his seven-member entourage watched a rifle drill and other marine exercises.

The Saudi military mission arrived here last Saturday for an eight-day visit at the invitation of the Chinese government.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:18	12:19	11:50	11:37	12:01	12:31
Asr (Afternoon)	3:43	3:47	3:18	3:06	3:30	4:01
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:30	6:32	6:03	5:51	6:15	6:46
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Miteb winds up mayors' seminar

TAIF, Sept. 9 (SPA) — The third seminar of mayors and municipal secretaries in Saudi Arabia wound up a two-day session here Wednesday under Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs. The seminar discussed various problems facing the municipalities and the means to improve their services. The mayors agreed to foster cooperation and coordination among the municipalities.

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Algoasibi sees industrialization

All basic unit contracts signed

YANBU, Sept. 9 (SPA) — All basic industry contracts having been signed and implementation having already started, Udi Arabia will usher in an industrialization era by the end of the third Five-Year development Plan (1980-85), Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi, minister of industry and electricity, said Tuesday. He added that the newly-created Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will give a strong impetus to industrial coordination among council members. GCC heads of state will sign an economic cooperation agreement among themselves after seven months.

After inspecting projects here, the minister

told a press conference that Saudi Arabia has more than 10 joint projects with other Gulf countries, as the Kingdom's relations with its neighbors have gone beyond the stage of slogans. Some of these projects are under implementation while others are still being studied. He added that the newly-created Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will give a strong impetus to industrial coordination among council members. GCC heads of state will sign an economic cooperation agreement among themselves after seven months.

Algoasibi hoped that during the forthcom-

ing meeting of GCC industry ministers, industrial cooperation provisions in the articles of the agreement establishing the GCC and general ideas would crystallize in the form of joint ventures and detailed statutes to govern such cooperation. He also said that so far no one formally submitted a proposal to set up a Gulf Industrialization Organization as an independent body, but if, in the future, it is considered the best way to an industrial revolution in the Gulf, the idea will be seriously studied and the organization can be easily established.

The minister also said that about 100 students are receiving training at the provisional training center of the Royal Commission, adding that a permanent center will be created soon to import training to 1,000 students every year in Jubail, and 1,000 in Yanbu.

Algoasibi disclosed that two new industrial zones are now envisaged in Medina and Abha, in addition to those already existing in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Makkah, Hofuf, and Qassim. Work on the project will start at the end of 1985. He highlighted the importance of petrochemical industries for Saudi Arabia.

JPM gets two mobile labs

DHAHRAN, Sept. 9 (SPA) — The search institute of the University of Petroleum and Minerals has received two mobile laboratories for measuring air and sea pollution, Dr. Abdullah Al-Dabbagh, director of institute, said Wednesday.

The two labs were built in the United States especially for the institute and according to the designs indicated by it. They are among the most advanced mobile units in the

world and cost more than SR3 million, Dabbagh said.

An environmental protection program now being applied in the Kingdom calls for measuring the exact degree of pollution in various areas before any plants are set up. The institute will compare the quality of air and sea in the Kingdom's various regions in the years to come, to draw up a plan for reducing pollution through various means.

Traders get land near port

MAKKAH, Sept. 9 (SPA) — A one-million-square-meter plot near the Jeddah Islamic Port has been allotted to Makkah merchants and manufacturers to be used as a warehouse, it was learnt Wednesday.

Abdullah Al-Shahi, vice-chairman of the Warehouses Committee and a member of Makkah Chamber of Commerce, said that 40 percent of the area was allotted for public utilities, civil defense and police. The warehouse plots will be distributed to the merchants according to their needs and to the items they wish to store. Standard applications have been prepared for this purpose. The merchants will only pay a symbolic rent for three years.

Kharj railroad contract signed

DAMMAM, Sept. 9 (SPA) — A SR31.38-million contract was signed here Wednesday by Sheikh Faisal Al-Shuhail, president of the General Railroad Organization. The contract, awarded by a Pakistani firm, calls for building a secondary railroad in Kharj to serve the numerous installations there.

Sea pilgrims cross 15,000

JEDDAH, Sept. 9 (SPA) — A total of 15,638 pilgrims from various Islamic countries arrived through Jeddah Islamic Port till Tuesday, it was officially announced here Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Yanbu's Hajj Department was officially informed Tuesday that 18 ships will carry 11,430 Egyptian pilgrims to Yanbu port this year.

According to Al Medina, the Al-Jazzer arrived last Sunday with 567 Egyptian pilgrims and the Al-Tor and the Wadd arrived Monday with another 1,420 pilgrims from the same country. In another development, Al Riyadh reported Wednesday that in 20 days, no less than 20,000 teachers returned to the Kingdom from their summer vacations through Halet Ammar. They came with 7,357 vehicles.

Meanwhile, Al Riyadh reported that the

U.K. training ordered

RIYADH, Sept. 9 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter Wednesday issued an order sending 71 teachers to Britain from the Kingdom's various educational zones to attend a 100-week training course and to come back as English language teachers.

Interior Ministry has sent a circular to all government departments asking them not to issue any publications during this year's pilgrimage season without prior approval from the Information Ministry's publications department and a special committee made up of the Interior Ministry and the Information Ministry.

The newspaper reported that all traffic posts and highway patrols in the Kingdom have been instructed to stop any car transporting foreigners without valid residence permits and arrest the driver on the spot. Any driver carrying illegal residents will be liable to fines and imprisonment.

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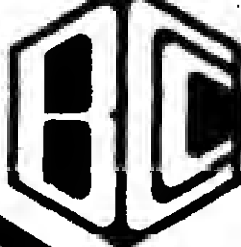
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Afghan raids condemned

U.S. warns Russia on Kabul

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — The State Department has condemned the reported raid Monday by 40 Afghan army troops on a Pakistani village and warned Moscow that it would be held responsible for such threats on Pakistan's security. "We strongly condemn this violation of Pakistan borders," a State Department communique said.

It charged that the alleged raid was at least the fifth "apparently deliberate armed attack within Pakistan" since the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. "We hold the Soviet Union ultimately responsible for military threats to Pakistan security emanating from Afghanistan since obviously the present Afghan regime itself retains virtually no independent capabilities," the statement said.

The Pakistani Defense Ministry said Tuesday that 40 Afghan border troops in armored personnel carriers and two heavy trucks had crossed into Baluchistan province. They started searching houses but retreated before units of Pakistan's frontier corps arrived on

the scene, the ministry said. Meanwhile, Kabul radio said Tuesday night the official Afghan news agency had carried a note firmly rejecting what it called groundless reports that Afghan troops had crossed into Pakistan and searched houses in an area of Baluchistan.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), said the reports had been carried by Pakistan's "propaganda media" and had been "made under the pressure of U.S. imperialism." Earlier Tuesday, a foreign ministry spokesman in Islamabad said Pakistan had lodged a strong protest with the Afghan charge d'affaires over border attacks from Afghanistan.

On the fighting front, a joint Soviet-Afghan force has recaptured the strategic town of Gulbahaar, 70 kms north of Kabul, and was last reported pushing into the rebel-held Panjshir Valley, a Western diplomatic source said Wednesday. The exact number of casualties was not known but "almost certainly high," said the source, quoting a report from the Afghan capital. An Afghan contact

described the number of wounded Soviet and Afghan soldiers brought to Kabul as "unprecedented in recent times."

Gulbahaar, a textile-producing town located a few kilometers northeast of the important Sulang Highway linking the Soviet border with Kabul and at the mouth of the Panjshir Valley, has been in resistance hands for months. This has allowed rebels to fortify positions throughout the 150 kms valley which they have controlled for some 18 months, informed sources said.

Two French photographers, Jerome Bony and Christophe de Ponfilly, said on their return from the area that Afghan fighters began withdrawing from Gulbahaar during a heavy battle 12 days ago. The Western diplomatic source, who declined to be identified, could not say when the town had been retaken but indicated that news of its fall reached Kabul during the past week. There have been at least three previous attempts to wrest control of the Panjshir from the fighters all unsuccessful.

Will strike with sword, Khomeini warns rivals

BEIRUT, Sept. 9 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini threatened Wednesday to deal "incessant sword strikes on the head" to subdue secular leftist opponents of his regime. He also called on Iran's clergy to step up its involvement in politics, Tehran radio reported.

Foremost opposition leader Massoud Rajavi, whose Mujahedeen Khalq guerrillas have been blamed for the escalating campaign of bombings and assassinations in Iran, called from his exile in Paris for a "liberation" struggle to speed up the process of Khomeini's overthrow. His supporters in London reported. Tehran newspapers said six Mujahedeen Khalq guerrillas were executed Tuesday in the Caspian Sea resort of Babol. The state television said 61 autonomy-seeking Kurdish insurgents were killed in a "mop-up operation."

Rajavi's statement, telephoned to the London bureau of the Associated Press by student supporters, said on the organization's 17th anniversary that 1,000 Mujahedeen had given their lives and 10,000 went to prison in the past year in the drive to topple Khomeini.

The 37-year-old Rajavi urged the people to "liberate" their areas and set up popular councils in union with the National Council of Resistance he and Bani-Sadr had formed to lead the urban guerilla war against the regime.



PREMIER WITH KHOMEINI: Newly-appointed Prime Minister of Iran Ayatollah Madhavi Kani is seen conferring with Ayatollah Khomeini together with his cabinet ministers recently. Khomeini is speaking to them. The Ayatollah "will see nobody for two weeks from Saturday, Sept. 12, his office announced Wednesday." No reasons were given.

Arrests defended

Sadat blames Pope of instigation

MIT ABUL KOM, Egypt, Sept. 9 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat defended his crackdown on domestic opponents Wednesday, telling a news conference he wanted to end the atmosphere of sectarian strife and the "distortion" of Egypt's image in the outside world.

Speaking in English to journalists in his home town, 70 kms north of Cairo, Sadat also accused the Pope of Egypt's Coptic Christian minority of seeking to "instigate" Copts outside Egypt. Sadat said Muslim and Christian religious fanatics among 1,536 persons arrested were rounded up because of the danger of Muslim-Christian strife. Referring to opposition figures, however, he said: "It is not because that this is an opposition man or

this is an editor who has a certain friendship with editors outside Egypt that this is aimed, but it is aimed... to end the atmosphere for sectarian action... and forever the distortion of the image of Egypt in the outside world."

He apparently was referring to the detention of Muhammad Hassan Heykal, a critic of Sadat and a prominent journalist whose arrest last week drew protest in some editorial columns in the West.

Sadat also criticized foreign press reports that described his crackdown as the elimination of his opposition, declaring "democracy is flourishing in Egypt" according to the laws of the country.

The president said he had not and would not abolish Egypt's two small opposition parties, the Socialist Labor Party and the National Progressive Unionist Party. Members of both parties were arrested last week. He also noted that censorship had not been imposed.

Referring to the Coptic patriarch Pope Shenouda III, from whom he withdrew state recognition, Sadat said the state would not intrude on the laws and traditions of the church that elected Shenouda.

Sheikh Hamad visits Amman

AMMAN, Sept. 9 (R) — Qatar's heir-apparent Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani arrived in Amman Wednesday on a three-day visit to Jordan. Sheikh Hamad, who is Qatar's defense minister, is on a tour of Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia.

Officials said he would have talks with Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan on bilateral relations and developments in the Arab world.

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LONDON (AP) — Turkish leaders are proposing a railroad link with Iraq, from Ankara to Basrah, *The Financial Times* said Wednesday. The business daily said the idea will be raised this week during the state visit to Turkey of the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudan has derided Libyan reports of a state of emergency being declared in Khartoum, describing Libyan news agency reports of the situation as "ridiculous".

BEIRUT (R) — French presidential envoy Guy de Communes said Tuesday there had been no new developments in the investigation into last Friday's murder of French Ambassador Louis Delamare.

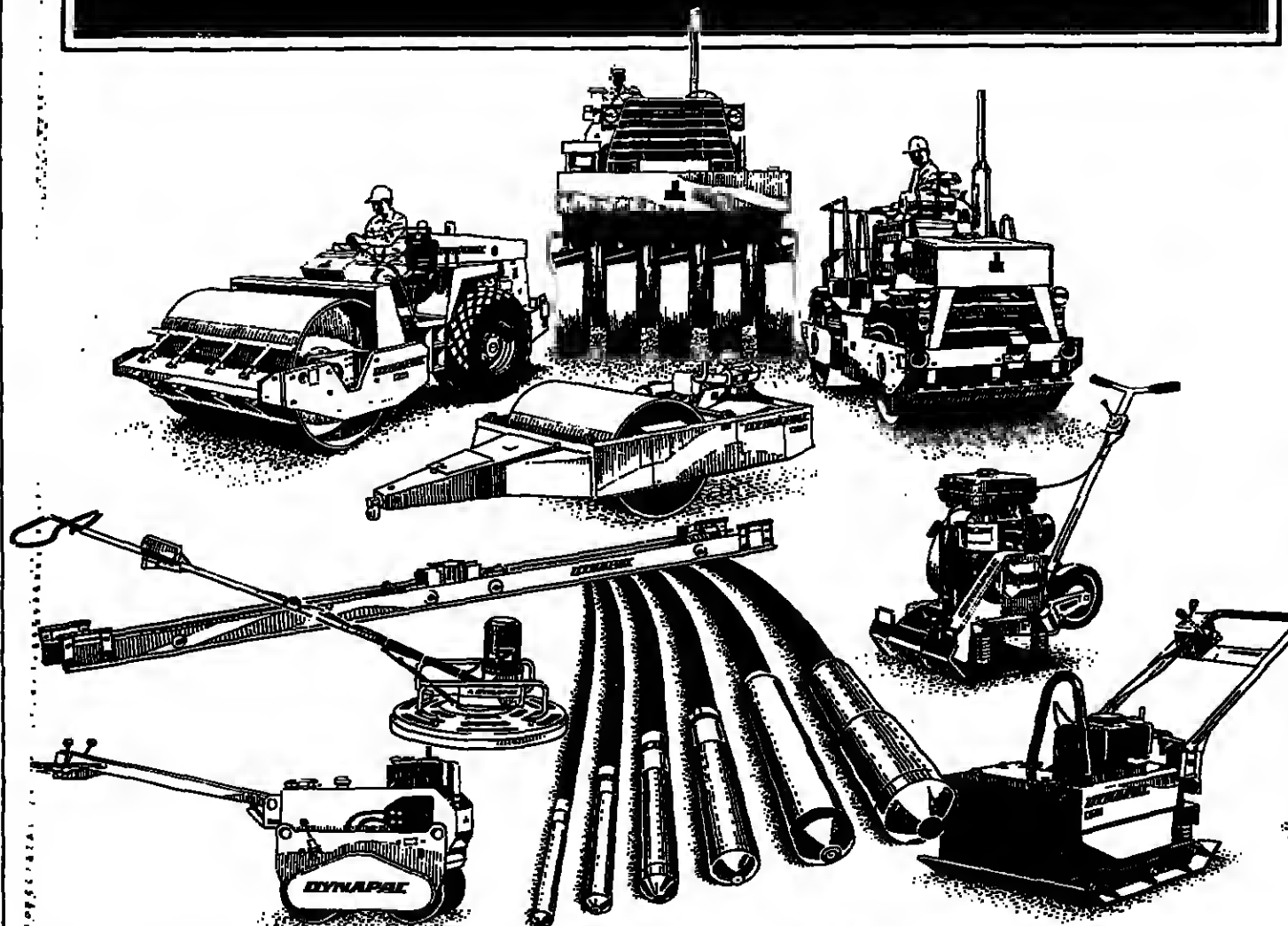
RABAT (R) — The court of appeal in Rabat has acquitted seven left-wing militants convicted of disturbing the peace during a

general strike last June, opposition sources said Tuesday. The sources said the seven had been sentenced to four months imprisonment after courts convicted them July 11.

AMMAN (R) — North Yemen's Education Minister Ahmad Asbahi arrived here Tuesday night with a message from President Ali Abdallah Saleh to King Hussein. The contents of the message, which will be conveyed to Crown Prince Hassan who deputizes for the king, were not disclosed but the official Jordan news agency Petra said it dealt with the current Arab situation.

DJIBOUTI (AFP) — President Hassan Gouled Aptidon of Djibouti started a two-day visit to North Yemen Wednesday. Radio, Djibouti said. He is to have talks in Sanaa with President Ali Abdallah Saleh on strengthening their relations and on the regional situation.

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Opposition leaders arrested in Morocco

Opposition leaders arrested in Morocco — A former deputy prime minister, arrested by Moroccan police at his home late Tuesday, a party spokesman said Tuesday. Muhammad Mansour, a member of the political bureau of Boubid's Union of Popular Forces (USFP) also arrested, the spokesman added.

Police also entered the party's head office early Wednesday and confiscated copies of an USFP declaration on an Organization of Unity (OAU) peace plan for West Sahara, as well as typewriters and a duplicating machine, he said. The spokesman said no official reason had been given for the arrest but that it was understood to be connected with the publication Tuesday of the declaration, which strongly criticized official support for the OAU plan.

U.S. to relay Dutch F-16s to Pakistan

U.S. to relay Dutch F-16s to Pakistan — The Netherlands will supply two or three F-16 fighter-bomber planes to the United States so that the U.S. government could send up deliveries to Pakistan, a government source here said Wednesday.

Libyan forces retake 2 Chad towns

Libyan forces retake 2 Chad towns — Forces to Chad's former Defense Minister Hissabre have recaptured two eastern towns, the Sudanese news agency reported Wednesday.

Syria extends territorial waters

Syria extends territorial waters — Syria announced Tuesday it was extending its territorial waters from 12 to 35 nautical miles along its Mediterranean coast. The official Syrian news agency SANA said a law to this effect had been published in the official gazette.

Haddad threatens to break truce

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To review relations Greek, Turkish ministers to meet

Greek, Turkish ministers to meet — The foreign ministers of the Greek and Turkish governments concluded two-day talks Tuesday.

Floods ruin 1,000 Sudan houses

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Arab League postpones Sudan verdict

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Husak arrived in Libya Monday on the first leg of his three-nation tour. Until recently, East Germany played the prominent East European role in Africa, fronting for the Soviet Union which keeps a lower profile, the sources said. But they added that while Husak's tour could be a gesture of support for the anti-U.S. policies of Libya, Ethiopia and South Yemen, it should also be seen as a routine Czechoslovak effort at expanding economic ties with developing countries.

The composition of Husak's delegation, including two ministers involved in foreign trade and the army chief of staff, also indicated that trade, as well as arms sales, would be the main subject of negotiations, the sources added. Czechoslovakia is a major supplier of small arms to several Arab and African countries and pursues a general policy of free arms trading.

Relations between Czechoslovakia and all three countries on Husak's itinerary have expanded during the last 10 years and Prague is playing an increasing role in economic aid to Ethiopia and South Yemen.

A long-term trade agreement signed with Libya in 1974 provided for exports of a wide range of Czechoslovak goods and services, including medical aid, to the north African country in exchange for the purchase of up to a million tons of Libyan crude oil a year between 1975 and 1985.

Czechoslovakia and Ethiopia signed an economic pact in 1978, under which Prague supplies engineering goods and has built several projects, including footwear and tire factories. In cooperation with East Germany, Czechoslovakia is also building a textile plant to raise Ethiopian textile output by 25 percent.

Trade turnover between the two countries rose last year to nearly \$25 million from \$8.2 million in 1974.

Economic contacts with South Yemen are at present limited to Czechoslovak assistance in mineral prospecting and arms deliveries, although Prague supports South Yemen's anti-Israeli and anti-American stance.

Col. Qaddafi and Husak began their talks Tuesday, Jana reported. In an unusual move reflecting the importance the Libyan leader attaches to last month's friendship treaty,

South Yemen's First Deputy Prime Minister Col. Ali Ahmad Nasser Antar attended the discussions. "This session is part of talks which will be continued in Adeo later," Jana quoted Col. Qaddafi as saying in a speech opening the talks.

The Libyan leader said the friendship treaty confirmed the importance of strategic cooperation between the Arabs and Ethiopia. Husak said the treaty was an important step toward unifying Arab and African "progressive" forces. He said Czechoslovakia and Libya had identical viewpoints on international questions of mutual interest.

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Citing informed sources in Amman, the reports said King Hussein would visit Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. The tour will precede his visit to the United States in November.

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Makerere University

Only a pale shadow left of a proud institution

By Mukyusa Jengo

AMPALA (AFP)—Uganda's Makerere University, once unrivaled as the best in East Central Africa, is now a pale shadow of proud institution it used to be. The grim story recounted by students and staff are up to tell the story of Makerere's fading

When the university re-opened last month its 59th academic year the occasion was characteristically gloomy due to the poor performance in the last academic year, student overcrowding on the campus growing frustration among lecturers. Now, more than a month into the new academic year, 50 percent of all approved is on the teaching staff remain vacant with qualified Ugandan or expatriate staff will to fill them because of poor pay and living conditions.

All the problems faced nationally are to a lesser or greater extent found at Makerere, which has led to the university being dubbed 'miniature Uganda'. Lecturers start at \$63 a month, a salary which forces many to eat just one meal a day and on additional teaching jobs in Kampala high schools to earn extra money. Further way, the performance of the lecturers at the university is seriously impaired, as graphically illustrated by the poor student performance in the last academic year: 56 percent of veterinary students passed their final examinations for their first year, along with 31 percent in medicine, 28 percent in law, against the usual three percent average for most faculties. The number one priority set by the university administration this year is to fill the vacant posts with Ugandans currently teaching in overseas universities, or by bringing in expatriates.

Ugandans with confirmed appointments abroad are reluctant to return due to low salaries at Makerere and the poor

conditions, while the expatriate lecturers have been kept away by the \$62 ceiling fixed by the Uganda government on the amount of money they can remit home.

Makerere is thus faced with the dilemma of the diminishing number of lecturers against the rising number of students, which went up by 500 last month.

"We have a genuine problem of overcrowding," university academic registrar Bernard Onyango said. "Single rooms now accommodate two students and rooms built for two students now have up to four."

The problems of Makerere go back mostly to the Idi Amin regime when, in the words of university Vice-Chancellor Asivan Wandira, "Makerere lost a decade of development."

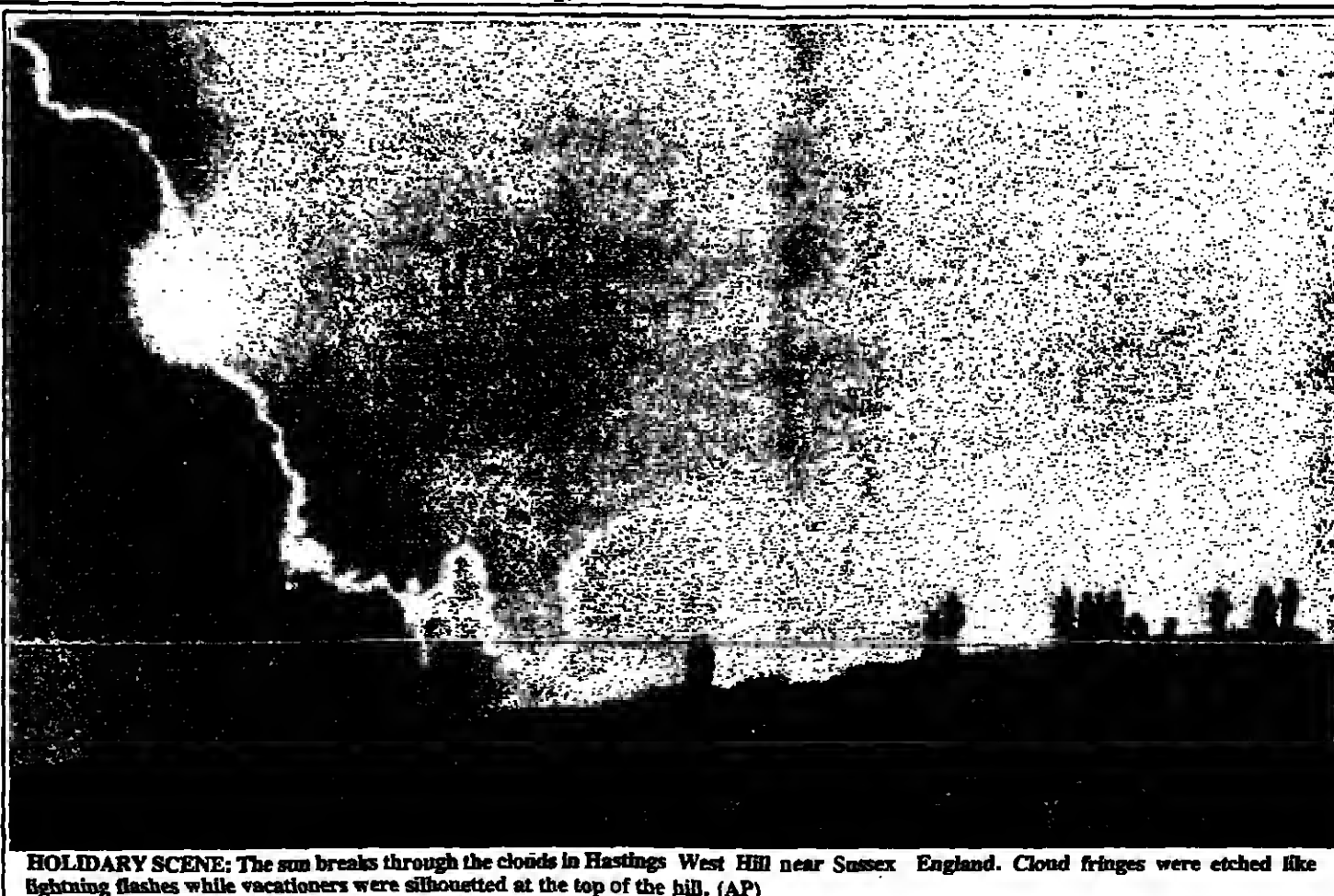
It started with the abrupt expulsion of non-citizen Asians by Amin in 1972, including many university lecturers from India and Pakistan. British and American lecturers at the university also gave up their posts as relations between Uganda and their respective countries ruptured, precipitating a severe vacancy position in Makerere.

In 1970-71, for example, Makerere had 220 expatriate lecturers and only 134 indigenous Ugandans on its teaching staff. Two years later, in 1980, this position had been reversed, leaving only 40 expatriates against 263 Ugandans.

The university administrators openly admit that most of the Ugandans, some with only first degrees, were promoted to senior positions in Makerere to fill the vacuum left by the departed expatriates.

Meanwhile, in Uganda, runaway inflation coupled with low income and insecurity continue to keep the well-qualified Ugandan and expatriate lecturers away.

The money-starved Uganda government, which will now have to come up with most of the cash to tide Makerere over its current problems, has fixed the restoration of security and order in the country as its number one priority.



HOLIDAY SCENE: The sun breaks through the clouds in Hastings West Hill near Sussex, England. Cloud fringes were etched like lightning flashes while vacationers were silhouetted at the top of the hill. (AP)

Coast-to-coast railway ready

Mexico plans container cargo route as a lure for Panama Canal traffic

By Marlene Simons

MEXICO CITY (WP)—An old forgotten railway that rolls across Mexico's narrowest neck of land is about to turn into a busy path between the seas designed to lure traffic from the Panama Canal. Within three months, when U.S.-built trains start hauling containers from coast to coast in less than a day, this land bridge will both be a very old dream come true and a symbol of Mexico's hopes to change rapidly from an agricultural nation into a modern industrial one.

Besides servicing Mexico's own fast-growing petrochemical and other industries spinning off the oil boom, the new corridor aims to cash in on the container trade flow between the Far East and Europe as well as traffic between the U.S. West and East coasts, much of which now passes through the canal.

The Mexican government agency organizing the rail service says that ships, by not sailing as far south as Panama and avoiding the waiting lines there, can save up to five days by using the Mexican route. The sea distance between New York and San Francisco, for example, is reduced by more than 2,000 miles.

On both sides of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, at the ports of Salina Cruz on the Pacific and Coatzacoalcos on the Gulf of Mexico, construction gear is still chipping away at new container terminals.

Giant cranes are already in place to pick containers off the ships, put them on trains and lift them back on board again on the opposite coast. The old 175-mile, one-way railroad has new sleepers and 22 bypass tracks. The government says it has invested almost \$100 million and expects to recover it within five years.

Although the swampy, hot route across the isthmus is relatively dull, for centuries this narrowest point of the North American mainland has caught the imagination of dreamers, entrepreneurs and military planners wanting to connect the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The Spanish conquerors hauled their cargo across Mexico not far from here. They unloaded their galleons coming from the Philippines at Acapulco and took their spoils to Veracruz on their way to Spain. Long before the Panama Canal construction began, the isthmus with its swollen rivers was seriously considered as the site for an interoceanic canal. One plan even involved

pulling ships along a broad-gauge railway right across the land.

A British entrepreneur, Lord Cowdry, laid the railroad in 1907 and it proved to be a profitable enterprise. Yet the line's period of glory was short-seven years later the canal opened, and Mexico was in the middle of revolution.

During World War II, the U.S. military built airports on the isthmus and carved a highway across the Sierra Madre mountains. This road is coming in handy today.

Running parallel to the rails and recently overhauled, it can accommodate trucks that are to ferry refrigerated containers across the isthmus in six hours, half the time it takes by train. Both road and train traffic will end at vast new docking areas, where Mexico is also building container storage and repair sheds.

But for all its modern approach, the Mexican plan is not likely to pose a serious business threat to the aged Panama Canal, shipping experts say. Mexico plans to move 70,000 containers in the last months of this year, while the Panama Canal handles that many in three days. In the following years, however, the Mexicans hope to move 500,000 containers per year, roughly equivalent to the load of 500 large ships.

Fernando Bueno Alvarez, who heads the government agency running the land bridge,

said: "We're really offering a third option. To go from west to east, say, you go either across the U.S. by train, which is the fastest and the most expensive—you go through Panama, which is the cheapest but slowest. Or you come to Mexico. It's a matter of price or time, whichever is most convenient."

The competitiveness of the Mexican route, shippers say, will depend largely on the speed with which the unloading, crossing and loading can take place. Ship to ship, they reckon the whole operation will take three days. "If it works smoothly it can save a big shipping company now going through Panama one ship per year," an American said.

While Panama charges tolls based on tonnage, Mexico's rates will be based on container size. "A 20-foot box will cost \$430 ship to ship, and a 40-foot one will cost \$620," said Bueno Alvarez.

Mexican officials who have promoted their new route among the world's trading nations say they have found a great deal of interest, particularly in West Germany, Australia, Sweden and France. Japan, the second largest user of the Panama Canal, is already said to be reconsidering some of its routes.

Coatzacoalcos, Mexico's principal oil port, is greatly overcrowded but is to get relief from the new installations at the container docks.

Jackie's art rescued by garbage men

By Thomas O'Toole

NEW YORK (WP)—In the 20 years it took Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to acquire a rare set of 18th Century Indian paintings called "Rajput," she never knew she would require the services of the New York City Sanitation Department to preserve them.

That's just what happened last week, when Onassis almost lost 17 of the valuable Indian paintings because a porter in her Fifth Avenue apartment house mistakenly thought they were trash, took the paintings from her back door and threw them out in the garbage.

Sent out by Onassis for framing, the framed paintings had been left at her back door when no one answered the deliverman's ring.

A telephone call alerted the city's sanitation department, which tracked down the crew who had picked up the trash from the apartment building. Sanitation officials instructed the crew to sort through the truck's contents and recover the cardboard-wrapped paintings.

"Luckily, the paintings were one of the last things the men had collected" and had not been squashed by the truck's compactor, said the sanitation department's Vincent Romano, who added that the paintings were returned "undamaged" to Onassis' maid. He said the maid reported that "they were hung in Mrs. Onassis' room."

The Rajput paintings were acquired by Onassis as a result of her friendship with Harvard University economist John Kenneth Galbraith, who was ambassador to India when John F. Kennedy was president. The paintings were described as "fine, valuable stuff," done in the 18th Century by Indian artists for India's ruling class of maharajahs.

"These paintings are very delicate and were done on paper, meant originally as book illustrations not to be framed," said Milo Cleveland Beach, a professor of art and an expert on Indian art at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. "I imagine that Mrs. Onassis sent them out to be framed in order to preserve them."

Beach said that many Rajput paintings have been lost over the years to termites and white ants, well-known paper eaters who manage to get through the cloth wrappings in which some collectors keep the paintings. Beach said that whatever Rajput art is preserved is very valuable, sometimes selling for five-figure prices.

Most Rajput depicts mystical figures in the Hindu religion, especially Hare Krishna. Others are portraits of India's best-known 18th Century maharajahs. Beach said Onassis' collection was exhibited in the 1960s at Harvard's Fogg Art Museum, which sent it on for exhibit to the Asia Society in New York.



OPERA REOPENS: The Frankfurt Opera, destroyed in World War II, was recently opened by, left to right, Hesse Premier Holger Börner, German President Karl Carstens and Frankfurt Mayor Walter Wallmann. The opera was rebuilt during the past ten years and has been turned into a concert hall.

Child labor is described as 'slavery'; commission report details bad effects

GENEVA (AFP)—Nearly 150 million children aged from 10 to 14 toil in the world's labor force, a division of the United Nations Human Rights Commission was told recently. Abdelwahab Bouhdiba, reporting on the international child labor situation, also told a special session here of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities that slavery was still widespread in the world and that child labor should be seen from that angle.

He said the overall figure for child workers represented one-third of the all the children in the world. Four out of five children live in the Third World, but 97 child laborers work in developing nations.

Bouhdiba said children were systematically exploited by employers who could pay them far less than adults for the same work. But such work, often in dangerous conditions, threatened the children's moral and physical well-being while depriving them of schooling and adequate training in a skill.

He said having to work at an early age damaged the health of children and arrested their growth. In addition they risked accidents and job-connected illnesses.

Bouhdiba told the U.N. body that young girls who had worked before the age of 14 were an average of four centimeters (1 1/2 inches) shorter than girls who did not work until they were 18, particularly young girls, as was household servants, often in condi-

tions of semi-slavery. In Thailand, Bolivia, Chile, Brazil and North Africa, children were often "exchanged" either to pay off family debts or because it meant one less mouth to feed, Bouhdiba said.

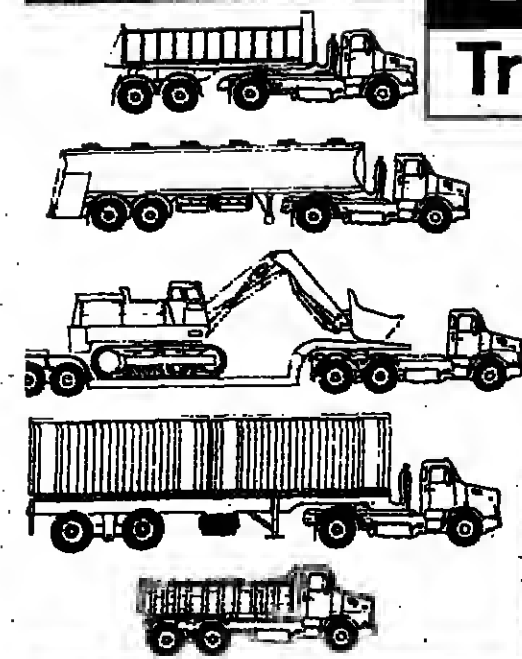
Many children in Sri Lanka are sold to promoters of illegal activities and their services, according to Bouhdiba are often employed by Western tourists who are steered to them by specialist guides.

Referring to the economic effects of child labor, Bouhdiba said it undercut wages, while adding to the insecurity of adult employment. He indicated that far from increasing a family's income, work by children actually undermined it.

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Seeks end to Thai aid

Cambodia softens pullout stand

BANGKOK, Sept. 9 (AFP) — The Phnom Penh government Wednesday signaled an apparent softening of its stand on conditions for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia.

In a statement issued by the Cambodian news agency SPK, monitored here, Foreign Minister Hun Sen linked a hypothetical pull-out to the resolution of a specific grievance, instead of calling, as usual, on an undefined "Chinese threat."

"The demand was a bait to Thailand's 'moral and material assistance' to the remnants of the ousted Peking-backed Khmer Rouge regime, 'who take refuge in Thai territory'."

Speaking to a delegation from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Hun Sen said: "Vietnamese troops will withdraw from Cambodia the moment the threat has ended from Chinese expansionists, U.S. imperialists and their stooges — notably when Thai authorities stop their military and moral assistance to the Pol Pot remnants who take refuge in Thai territory."

Analysts said the new Cambodian statement appeared to be the first equating the perceived Chinese threat with Thai aid to the guerrillas, who are based on the Thai-Cambodian border. Thailand publicly denies supporting the resistance because of its declared policy of neutrality in the Cambodian conflict.

The government and people of Cambodia (Kampuchea) are meanwhile, viewing two future setbacks with alarm — the next rice harvest is expected to be poor owing to bad weather conditions and most international emergency aid will shortly end.

The rice crop will be lower than estimated, but it will be impossible to calculate the deficit for another four to six weeks until the harvest is finally gathered. But already one

international expert here has described the situation as "serious".

This kind of difficulty is felt even more keenly by the Khmers because the greater part of international emergency aid sent to Kampuchea since 1979 will, in principle at least, come to an end. All international experts here are in agreement that Kampuchea is not in any way in a position to face up to any aid stoppage, envisaged for the end of the year.

But the fact is that international agencies cannot continue giving aid indefinitely. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has spent a total of \$43,500,000 over the past two years — \$31 million in 1979-80 and \$12,500,000 in 1981. It will cease all food and medical aid by Dec. 31, and will then concentrate on its traditional work with a smaller team here.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has spent a total of \$336 million in aid, and is expected to end it by the end of the year. But it will still have a \$5-million budget for Cambodian children.

A meeting of donor countries scheduled to be held in New York Thursday would decide on a more supple manner of ending aid. In the meantime, international agencies operating here are looking for ways of replacing themselves by humanitarian organizations already here. In any case, Soviet and Vietnamese aid alone will not be sufficient, for these two countries have their own set of problems.

Cambodia suffers in the health sector, like all the others, of a shortage of trained personnel. Only 50 doctors, out of 500 in 1975, have survived the nightmare years. There is a shortage of medical drugs and while malaria has been wiped out, tuberculosis is rife. In addition, according to the authorities, there is a serious risk of cholera in Phnom Penh owing to the rubbish lying about in the streets

— there is no waste disposal service in the capital.

Business has made a partial comeback, mainly in the capital. Markets here are flourishing but the prices are high for they are based on the black market price of gold or dollars — for instance the official exchange rate for a dollar is four rials, compared to 16-18 on the black market.

There is a growing income gap between wage earners and peasants on one hand and businessmen on the other, and there is practically no trade between one province and another. While Cambodia now has a constitution and a national assembly, the shortage of trained civil servants is being felt.

Opinions differ about the priorities in the country's march toward socialism. Certain leaders believe that it is wiser to provide food for the people rather than spend time on political indoctrination. But supporters of political education explain that this is essential in the general interest and that Cambodia while profiting from the experience of Vietnam and the Soviet Union, means to stress Khmer civilization and customs.

The security problem has not been completely solved, especially along the Thai border. The Battambang train linking Phnom Penh with Thailand operates with army protection.

The 20,000-strong Khmer army is formed of inexperienced and poorly trained young recruits. "If the Vietnamese Army withdrew today," a senior Kampuchean official said, "then Kampuchea would fall into the hands of the well-equipped and well-trained Khmer Rouges within 24 hours. The Vietnamese Army is our life insurance policy."

The people deeply shocked by the Khmer Rouge massacres, do not seem to look on the presence of Vietnamese troops as an occupation, but tend to see them, provisionally at least, as the only bulwark against further "genocide".

It is pointed out here that one-third of the Vietnamese Army in this country takes part in farm work and another one-third in training local people at various tasks.

Kampuchean leaders point out that "we will accept aid from any source. So far as Vietnamese advisers are concerned, they will return home as soon as we have trained our own people to become skilled workers and managers — most of these were assassinated or have fled abroad."

Meanwhile, Vietnam Wednesday accused China of continued artillery shelling along their common border, which it said had killed an undisclosed number of civilians and caused severe damage to crops.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) said that besides regular mortar attacks on Vietnamese villages, Chinese troops continued to occupy Vietnamese hilltops, making frequent sorties along the frontier, while Chinese naval vessels intruded into Vietnamese territorial waters.

It said Chinese bombers had repeatedly violated Vietnamese airspace over the Truong Sa Islands in late August, while other aircraft overflew Lang Son province "for provocative and reconnaissance purposes."



SIAMESE CROCODILES: Miami zoo keeper Ron Magill looks eye to eye with one of nine Siamese crocodiles that hatched at Dade County's Metrozoo Sunday. The rare and endangered crocodiles are being raised at the zoo under a program to breed rare species of reptiles. The Bronx Zoo of New York shipped a pair of Siamese crocodiles to the Metrozoo last month in the hope that Miami's warm subtropical climate would encourage romantic urges.

Uganda army attack

Tanzanians protest looting

KAMPALA, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Tanzanian policemen have disappeared from roadblocks in the Ugandan capital over the past week, in a move seen here as a protest against growing army indiscipline.

Several hundred Tanzanian policemen stayed on here for security duties after their army colleagues withdrew home at the end of June, and their duties have included joint

roadblocks with Ugandan police and escorting Ugandan soldiers on anti-guerrilla duties in urban areas to prevent looting.

The Tanzanians spearheaded the 1979 war to oust former President Idi Amin. The reported protest follows an attack by the Ugandan Army last week on Wandegaya police station, near Kampala's Makerere University.

Meanwhile, a family of four is reported to have been killed in the Wakiso area here as an army swoop went into its third day. The exact cause of death has not been reported, but the victims are known to be a married couple, their child and grandfather.

Croatian sentenced

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia Sept. 9 (AP) — Croatian dissident Marko Veselica Wednesday was sentenced to a 11-year prison term when a district court found him guilty to have maintained links with anti-Yugoslav émigrés and engaged in anti-state activity.

Trial of the 44-year-old Veselica — he already had been sentenced in the early seventies to a seven-year prison term for activities against the state — started last month.

MP to protest letter opening by S. Africa

LONDON, Sept. 9 (AFP) — British Conservative member of parliament Peter Bottomley said Wednesday that he intended to protest to the South African ambassador in London after his wife discovered a letter he sent to her had been opened.

Bottomley arrived home Wednesday after a ten-day lecture tour of South Africa in which he made clear his opposition to apartheid in talks with students and businessmen.

After two days in South Africa he sent a "normal letter" to his wife Virginia at their home in south London. "I have not seen it yet, but my wife tells me it was finally and precisely slit open on the right-hand side. The letter inside could easily be taken out to read," he said.

Bottomley added, "I plan to meet the South African ambassador in London and draw his attention to the letter. I will ask whether letter opening by the authorities is normal practice, or whether I was singled out, and I will ask for his comments."

BRIEFS

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — Announcements of 1981 Nobel Prize winners will begin here on Nov. 9 with the naming of the medicine award winner, it was learned Wednesday. The economics prize will be announced on Oct. 13, the peace award on Oct. 14 in Oslo, and the physics and chemistry prize on Oct. 19, the foundation said. No date has been fixed for the literature award. This year each prize will be worth a million crowns (\$190,000).

BRUSSELS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — South Korean Prime Minister Nam Duck-Woo arrived here Wednesday for a three-day visit — the last of four stops on a tour of Western and Northern Europe. Arriving from Fin-

land, he was met at Zaventem Airport by Belgian Foreign Minister Charles Foidart and Nohomb. Earlier he visited Sweden and Denmark.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Police and bank officials here were Wednesday trying to find out why it took six months to catch up with a woman bank employee who stole \$560,000 with the aid of a computer terminal and fled the country with it. Police said Motoko No. 32, working for the Sanwa Bank, used a computer terminal unit last March 25 to transfer the money to some accounts she had opened in other names. She then immediately withdrew the money and fled to the Philippines.

Talks with India

Dacca expects early accord

DACCA, Sept. 9 (AP) — Bangladesh hopes results of the forthcoming ministerial-level talks between Bangladesh and India will be "positive and lead to concrete steps for an early solution of outstanding problems" between the two countries, a Foreign Office spokesman said Wednesday.

In reply to a question as to what Bangladesh expected from Foreign Minister Shamsul Huq's visit to India, the spokesman said "Bangladesh attaches great importance to these talks and hopes that they will lay a firm foundation of mutual trust and understanding for strengthening friendly relations."

The spokesman said "Bangladesh sincerely believes that friendly and good neighborly relations between the two countries will best serve the interests of the peoples of India and Bangladesh as well as the cause of peace and stability in the region."

The spokesman referred to the recent Indo-Bangladesh joint announcement which said the two sides were agreed on necessary steps being taken to remove the remaining

causes of tensions.

"Bangladesh sincerely hopes that by word and action both sides will ensure that the forthcoming talks between the two foreign ministers will succeed not only in resolving the problems but also in building a bridge of mutual understanding, trust and friendship," the spokesman said.

Interpol searching for retired American

PARIS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — The international police organization Interpol was Wednesday searching for Milton Rosenthal, a retired American senior official of the United Nations Economic, Scientific and Educational Organization (UNESCO), missing for the past month.

His son, 27-year-old Daniel, was charged Monday in a British court with the murder of his mother in Southampton, southern England. Her body has not been found. He will appear in court again on Sept. 16.

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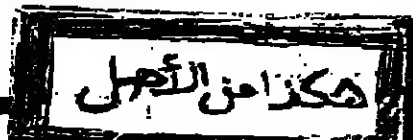
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Senegambian union needs consent from people, official says

DAKAR, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Senegalese and Gambian experts are actively working on the Senegambian confederation project, but no one has been fixed for the confederation to be inaugurated, according to an official spokesman here. He was commenting on a space shuttle to lose weight.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Sept. 9 (AP) — The U.S. space shuttle is too heavy to launch by 1983, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has decided. Glenn Parker, a program director, said Tuesday that NASA wanted to trim the shuttle to allow it to carry a bigger payload after it becomes operational late next year. The shuttle, which weighs about 100 tons, can now haul between 26 and 27 tons of cargo into space. NASA would like to trim it up to 29 tons for the planned flight in 1983. Parker said between 10 and 15 parts of the shuttle could be pared down.

PI yet to reach deal agreement

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 9 (AP) — The Scripps Co., said in a news release Tuesday that no agreement has been reached with organization or individual on the possible of United Press International. The response to persistent rumors and speculation, UPI's parent company denied that any commitments had been made concerning a sale. "We have had exploratory discussions with several media organizations," Edward W. Estow, president of the E.W. Scripps Co., said. "and these are continuing." The London-based news agency, said it is actively considering buying UPI. It has been reported also between other organizations. Scripps has been seeking a buyer for the news agency or to provide new money. UPI's 1980 revenue was reported at \$10 million.

on press reports quoting President Abdou Diouf as saying that the proposed union would become effective next January.

The spokesman noted that even after the experts had completed their work the confederation could not take off without being approved by the two peoples. "They would be consulted either directly by vote or indirectly through their respective parliaments," he added.

The latest idea for a confederation was put by Gambian President Sir Dawda Jawara to Diouf in Dakar on Aug. 19. It came in the wake of the unsuccessful July 30 left-wing coup attempt in Gambia, which was crushed after Senegalese troops intervened. An estimated 600 persons died in the coup and counter-coup.

This was the second time the Senegalese Army had intervened in Gambia within nine months, and the security services and armed forces of the two countries have now been integrated. Most people here agree that Sir Dawda's proposal to go even further along the road to integration was the only immediate option as far as the Gambian people are concerned.

In the past a section of Gambians, mostly in the capital Banjul, have opposed any idea of union with Senegal, although before Gambian independence in February 1965 a United Nations Mission said that development of both countries would be hampered if they remained as separate entities.

Gambia, with a population of 600,000, consists of a narrow strip of land running along each side of the Gambia River for 200 miles, effectively splitting Senegal in two.

Since Sir Dawda made his proposal several newspapers, including the daily unite of the ruling Socialist Party, have commented that a confederation was not enough, and could only be a "historic step" along the path to federation of even a unitary state.

However, for the time being there is nothing to suggest that relations would go beyond a confederation allowing each country to retain its membership of international organizations. In a recent interview with AFP Sir Dawda said that strengthened ties between Banjul and Dakar would not interfere with Gambia's membership of the Commonwealth.

Meanwhile government and business circles in Senegal are looking forward to the day Gambia's preferential customs tariffs will be dropped, putting an end to local smuggling networks. They would also like the small state join the Francophone West African Monetary union.



LITTLE INTEREST: A very small audience listens to the debate Tuesday during the special General Assembly session on Namibia at the United Nations.

Bid in U.N. to condemn West group on Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — African members of the United Nations have been drafting a General Assembly resolution here sharply condemning the five-nation Western "contact group" on Namibia for what they termed its complacent attitude toward South Africa.

The resolution is expected to call for global sanctions against South Africa and for the U.N. council on Namibia to keep watch on the contacts between the Western countries and Pretoria. Earlier, Britain, a member of the contact group along with the United States, Canada, France and West Germany, urged South Africa and "everyone concerned" not to throw away the progress which had been achieved in the solution of the Namibian conflict.

British representative Sir Anthony Parsons, speaking for all ten members of the European Economic Community, told the special General Assembly debate on Namibia that all concerned, especially South Africa, should examine all possibilities to help bring about agreement on implementing the U.N. plan for Namibian independence. The recent large-scale incursions by South African forces into Southern Angola had demonstrated again the urgent need for a peaceful solution, he said.

Other speakers in the debate stressed the role in the current crisis of the West's failure to press South Africa to agree to the U.N. plan. Togolese Justice Minister Akanyi Awunyo Kodjovi said some contact group states had not exerted all the pressure they could on South Africa.

Namibia, a simple matter of decolonization, had been turned into a complex ideological issue involving Western security and East-West rivalry, he said. On the pretext that South Africa was the guarantor of Western interests in southern Africa, some contact group states had given it financial, economic, military and political support which had enabled it to continue with impunity its illegal occupation of the territory and the "frantic" exploitation of its mineral wealth.

Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Witness Mangwede accused the contact group of trying to avoid confrontation with apartheid by their insistence on "so-called confidence-building measures." The U.N. plan had to be implemented immediately "without conditions, subtractions or modifications," he said. Pierre Mzee, of Congo, demanded that South Africa be forced to pay for the damage it had caused in its invasion of southern Angola.

Against leftists

Salvadoran Army drive continues

SAN SALVADOR, Sept. 9 (AP) — Troops loyal to the U.S.-backed junta have fought running skirmishes with leftists in the northern part of the country, but a military source said he had no immediate reports of casualties.

The source, who asked anonymity for security reasons, said Tuesday some of the army patrols in the area were backed by light artillery and spotter aircraft.

The army launched a big, 500-man operation Sunday to clean up the area around Suchitoto, a city 34 kms north of the capital, where anti-government forces had been harassing local authorities with bombings, roadblocks and shooting incidents.

Witnesses said they heard mortar and other artillery fire in the area all day, along with the noise of helicopters and low-flying planes. Some said an army patrol was attacked just outside the city of 22,000 persons and an hours-long battle followed.

Earlier this week, leftists kidnapped Mario Levi Vaseveran, 52, manager of La Central, the country's biggest liquor-making firm, employees of the company said.

An anonymous male caller, identifying himself as a spokesman for the Farabundo

Marti National Liberation Front, telephoned news media saying, "we have captured the Jewish-descended Masi Levi Van Everen," and hung up. No ransom was mentioned. The front is a coalition of five leftist groups seeking to overthrow the junta. Company employees identified Levi Vaseveran as a Salvadoran of the Jewish faith. Police had no comment on the kidnapping.

French agency names joint-flight astronaut

PARIS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Air Force Lt. Col. Jean-Loup Chretien was named Wednesday to take part in a joint French-Soviet space flight in the first half of next year, the National Space Studies Center announced here. Air Force Maj. Patrick Baudry was named as his stand-in.

Confirmation expected

U.S. hearing starts on woman judge

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (R) — The Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings Wednesday on President Ronald Reagan's nomination of Sandra O'Connor as the first woman justice to the Supreme Court. She is the first witness and the committee is expected to approve the nomination easily, but only after scrutiny of her views on a variety of issues, especially abortion and the role of the courts.

The only significant opposition has come from anti-abortion groups who say that as a state legislator in Arizona she voted in favor of making abortions easier to obtain. President Reagan, an abortion opponent, insists Mrs. O'Connor views on abortion closely follow his own. He said once she has a chance to express herself, even that opposition will evaporate.

Mrs. O'Connor, 51, currently a judge on the state appeals court, has declined to dis-

cuss her views publicly before the committee hearings begin.

Reagan said that in selecting Judge O'Connor for the nation's highest court he was choosing someone who shared his views that judges should interpret the law strictly and not impose their personal feelings on the issues before them. Among the witnesses due to be heard in the hearings are several representatives from anti-abortion groups who are expected to argue that the president retreated from his campaign pledge to appoint only judges who "respect" human life.

Also due to appear are a host of Arizona officials, including Democratic Governor Bruce Babbitt, who appointed Mrs. O'Connor, a Republican, to the state court. Mrs. O'Connor would replace Potter Stewart, who retired last spring as an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

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Bonn parties strike accord on '82 budget

BONN, Sept. 9 (R) — West Germany's coalition partners appear to have cleared the way for parliamentary approval of an austerity budget to curb government spending next year.

Members of the Free Democratic Party (FDP), junior coalition partner of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD), unanimously approved a package hammered out in cabinet last week.

SPD deputies postponed a final decision on dissenting proposals, but agreed by a large majority after a turbulent meeting Tuesday night of almost seven hours to pass the 1982 budget in parliament next week.

Last week, the cabinet approved a 240.8 billion mark (\$99.3 billion) budget for next year with government borrowing reduced to 26.5 billion marks (\$10.9 billion) from about 33.8 billion marks (\$13.8 billion) in 1981.

This followed weeks of coalition wrangling over the extent and nature of proposed savings, which left many SPD deputies feeling the FDP succeeded in getting its own way too much.

West Germany's major trade unions and

many left-wing deputies have criticized the SPD for failing to carry through proposals for a 1.5 billion mark (\$620 million) job creation program. Schmidt, SPD Chairman Willy Brandt and parliamentary leader Herbert Wehner all addressed their fellow deputies Wednesday night in an attempt to rally support for the package.

The chancellor said although the proposals were a compromise with which no one could be happy, there was no point in attempting to reject them in the hope of improvements.

Wehner said the SPD had been elected to govern with the FDP for four years and added that the party should accept the package in order to sustain the coalition. Chancellor Schmidt said in a newspaper interview Tuesday that he expects his left-liberal coalition to survive even if there is no economic recovery in coming months.

The budget, which brought quarrelling to a head between the coalition partners, was a compromise between pressure for deep spending cuts from the more conservative FDP and SPD demands for government action to tackle unemployment.

Pan Am cuts fares on domestic lines

HONOLULU, Hawaii Sept. 9 (AP) — Financially troubled Pan American World Airways, whose airline operations lost \$248 million last year, announced a series of domestic fare reductions Monday in an attempt to win a larger share of the U.S. travel market.

The reductions, which airline division President William H. Waltrip said were being offered "with no strings attached," cut fares by up to 67 percent and will be taking effect between Wednesday and Sept. 14. Waltrip announced the new fares in an address to a convention of the American Society of Travel Agents.

A decision will be made by Nov. 15 whether to continue the new fares, Waltrip told newsmen after his speech. He said fares on other routes, including routes to Hawaii, are being reviewed, with an announcement expected within ten days.

Pan Am's airline operations were hurt badly before the strike by the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization by increased overseas competition, high fuel costs, sagging ridership and a problem-plagued merger with National Airlines.

\$1b French bond over-subscribed

PARIS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — A French state bond issue of 8,000 million francs (\$1.4 billion) set for Thursday has already been heavily over-subscribed and the total will be raised to 15,000 million francs (\$2.5 billion) the economy ministry said Wednesday.

The actuarial interest rate provided is 16.75 percent, the highest on record for a state issue.

U.S. may relax export rules

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (AP) — The Reagan administration is considering easing rules requiring manufacturers to notify foreign countries before shipping their products banned or restricted as hazardous in the United States, the Washington Post reported Wednesday.

The newspaper said that high officials in the state and commerce departments are saying the current policies "have placed U.S. exports at a competitive disadvantage."

At present, manufacturers are required to inform foreign governments at least once a year when they export such products.

The statement suggests providing one-time brief summary information only when goods are banned or restricted as hazardous, even though that notice may occur years before the goods are exported, the report said.

Malaysia set to ease alien grip over economy

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 9 (R) — The Malaysian government's lightning bond raid this week that increased its holding in the London-based Guthrie plantation group to more than 50 percent could be the prelude to more financial forays to increase local control over the economy, analysts say.

The takeover, involving the purchase on the London market of shares worth £72 million (\$131 million) was the first time the government's national equity corporation, Permodalan, had flexed its money muscle and it sent shivers through board rooms from London to Singapore.

Malaysia, the world's largest exporter of rubber, palm oil, tropical hardwoods, tin and pepper, has officially said it wants control of all its resource-based industries.

Oil, its main revenue-earner, is already in government hands, as is the exploitation of its substantial reserves of natural gas. In the last few weeks Permodalan has emerged with a 56.6 percent stake in a new tin-mining giant soon to be born from a proposed merger of Malaysian Mining Corporation (MMC) and Malaysian Tin Dredging (MTD).

"The next logical step is to set up a plantation corporate for controlling the output of rubber, palm oil and possibly cocoa," one analyst said.

More than half Malaysia's 2.4 million acres (980,000 hectares) of rubber and oil palm plantations were in Malaysian hands before this week's takeover, according to official statistics. Permodalan has been considering control of Guthrie's 2,000,000 acres in Malaysia since it acquired 52 percent stake in the other big plantation conglomerate, Sime Darby last December.

The current weakness of sterling against the ringgit was one reason for the raid on the London market, the analysts said. Another was discontent over recent Guthrie transactions, including Guthrie's planned \$69 million takeover of the U.S. airline Page Air-

Largest exporter of rubber

ways. Page said Wednesday the takeover was well expected to go ahead and was likely to be completed by Friday. Analysts say Malaysian government was concerned that Guthrie was trying to diversify funds from plantations from which it earned 74 percent of its profits last year.

Permodalan was given its teeth at the beginning of this year when some 552 million shares valued at 1.5 billion ringgit (\$450 million) were transferred to enable it to administer a unit trust scheme for Malaysia's majority bumiputras — ethnic Malays and other indigenous races. Permodalan, established three years ago, is the main vehicle by which the government hopes to achieve its economic policy aim at giving 30 percent ownership of the Malaysian corporate sector to the bumiputras by 1990.

By 1980 the state had invested some 2.1 million ringgit (\$900 million) in various companies on behalf of the bumiputras, amounting to some 8.2 percent of total corporate wealth. Individual bumiputras held another 4.2 percent. Their slice of the corporate cake increased when Permodalan launched its trust scheme in April and will grow still further with the tin merger and the Guthrie acquisition, officials said.

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China's industrial output rises

PEKING, Sept. 9 (R) — The value of Chinese industrial production increased only slightly during the first eight months of this year compared with the same period in 1980, the New China News Agency has said.

The agency did not say what the increase was. But it said Tuesday that light industrial production rose in value by 12 percent while heavy industry was down by an unspecified amount. The trend in favor of light industry is in line with China's current economic policy under which investment in heavy industry is being drastically cut.

The agency said light industry accounted for 50.5 percent of China's total industrial output value during the January-August period compared with 45.6 percent in the same period last year.

Light industry topped the 50 percent mark during the first quarter of this year — for

Except from Kingdom

Japan plans to cut oil imports next year

TOKYO, Sept. 9 (R) — Japanese oil importers next year will aim to cut crude oil imports, except from Saudi Arabia, the International Trade and Industry Ministry (MITI) said Wednesday.

The move followed a serious decline in business from high crude prices and low demand for oil products, it added.

MITI said refineries and trading houses last month stopped oil imports from Nigeria, Algeria, Libya, Iran and Kuwait pending negotiations for cuts in prices and the amount supplied. Imports of crude from Kuwait since resumed after a five percent reduction in contract sales, while talks with the other four countries were continuing, it added.

In most cases negotiations concerned quantity and price to be concluded in new contracts for shipment next year, it said.

MITI described Saudi Arabia as a stable supplier whose prices were 10 percent lower than others. Saudi Arabia supplied 31.6 percent of the 1.6 billion barrels of crude oil imported by Japan last year.

MITI said oil importers would refuse to accept prices above \$36 a barrel and insisting on extension of the usance period (short-term credit) period and other measures leading to effective price cuts.

The ministry plans to order Japanese refineries to continue curtailing production of oil products, but at rate of 11 percent rather than the 15 percent reduction in the quarter ending this month.

This was necessary to engineer recovery in some oil product prices, such as petrol, it said.

MITI said some Japanese refineries faced serious difficulties due to high oil prices and a slump in the domestic market, especially in the June-August period when they were also hit by a sharp depreciation of the yen.

Conservation steps cut domestic consumption in Japan during the April-June quarter to 275 million barrels, 13 percent down compared to the previous year. Before August consumption is believed to have been 94.7 million barrels, down 10 percent from a year before.

IMF okays \$5.6b loan to India

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund has given tentative approval to what would be its largest loan in history, a \$5.6 billion loan to India to be repaid next month, the New York Times reported Wednesday.

The Times said the loan was unusual only for its size, but for the relatively loose conditions for the loan and the relative liberty would give India for the use of the money.

Most IMF loans have been given to countries that were in bad financial condition, stringent conditions, such as reducing government spending and devaluing currency, normally imposed on countries receiving loans.

India has record currency reserves, it reports more each year and has not had to import food in four years. However, India ran a \$4 billion deficit in its balance of payments last year, mainly because of oil imports. Oil accounts for 40 percent of India's total imports. The IMF loan is expected to be used to finance exploration of oil and investment in other industries. India has found evidence of oil off the west coast of the subcontinent.

The loan to India is part of a new strategy on the part of the IMF, the Times reported.

The paper quotes an agency official as saying the agency wants countries "to come in before the situation is desperate." The country has agreed with the IMF on targets for the expansion of domestic credit in the next three years, the size of government deficits, the rate of monetary increase and the balance of payments. The Times reported that the targets are secret, but they are not as stringent as those required of other countries borrowing from the IMF. The largest loan the IMF has made previously was \$3.9 billion to Great Britain in 1977 to support the pound.

Iran may sell gold to get exchange

LONDON, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Iran might be to sell some of its gold stocks or shareholdings in Western companies because it is out of foreign currency, the Financial Times reported here Wednesday.

Iran has stalled off a worsening of its situation in the last three months only through payment by the United States of \$1.05 billion under the agreement for the liberation of U.S. hostages in Iran.

The situation has also been helped by payment of loans totaling \$600 million by several countries, including \$400 million by Britain. The paper said that Iran's Central Bank is making energetic efforts to reduce imports, but that in July these fell only marginally.

This means that imports are running at a higher level than oil exports which total only about \$550 million a month. In addition it will be difficult to slow down imports in the next few months because the onset of winter usually requires the stocking of food and fuel.

The paper noted that shortages of these items could have serious political repercussions, adding that Iran's monetary reserves are believed to total no more than \$3 billion. Its gold reserves are worth \$4 billion and investments in the West \$6 billion.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Education Ministry	Sanitary units (Type B) for the various areas for 1401/1402H	M/31	5,000	14.1.1402H
Education Ministry	Office furniture for education zones	T/26	200	4.1.1402H
Education Ministry	Furniture, home appliances, etc.	T/21	50	28.11.1401H

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HRS ON

11.11.1401/9.9.1981 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HRS

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arr. Date
3.	Elisbeth	O.C.E.	Reefers	28.8.81
5.	President Osmena	O.C.E.	Durra/OPI Cate	28.8.81
6.	Mosalek	S.C.S.A.	Bgd. Barley/Wheat	2.8.81
7.	Aludra	Alsaada	S. Meal/Maat	2.8.81
8.	Rio De Janeiro	Alsaabah	Contra/Cement/Gen.	5.8.81
9.	Union Kingston	O.C.E.	Contra/Timber/Gen.	7.8.81
10.	Vogeland	Favez	Contra/Traillers/Mobiles	8.8.81
12.	Rahigh Bay 4 with Walli Cargo	A.E.T.	Reefers	7.8.81
13.	World Condour	Gulf	Timber/General	8.8.81
15.	Elvina	Gayez	Durra	7.8.81
19.	Antouletta	Alsaabah	8ulk Cement	28.8.81
20.	Saudi Enterprise	MESA	Sugar/Timber/Gen.	8.8.81

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:

Omdurman	A.E.T.	Durra	8.8.81
Saudi Enterprise	MESA	Sugar/Timber/Rebar/Transformers	8.8.81
Claudia Koegel	Algezirah	Rebar/M.Powder/Gen.	8.8.81
Caribbean Universal	Star	Fruit/Chicken	8.8.81
Imouzzet	Star	Fruit	8.8.81
Bremen Express	Alfreza	Containers	8.8.81
Vogeland	Favez	Contra/Traillers/Mobiles	8.8.81
San Pedro	Rezzayt	Containers	8.8.81

3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS:

Awa	A.E.T.	Contra/Gen.	9.8.81
Auguste 'S'	Alsaabah	Bagged Barley	"
Ulusoy	O.C.E.	Apples	"
Frigo Africa	Star	Cheese/Chicken/Fruit/Ptots	"
Kinpumie Universal	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	"
Tingoe	O.C.E.	Chicken/Cheese/Eggs	"
Ever Lucky	A'saibi	Containers	"
Char Loong	Abdallah	Contra/Load Mtys	"
Stonewall Jackson	Kanoo	Barge/Gen./Flour/Soda	"
Al Hijazi	Star	Sgd. Barley	"
Kota Megah	O.C.E.	Gen/Foodstuff	"
Alain L.D.	Alsaabah	Sulk Cement	"

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF

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2.	Se Woon	S.M.C.	Gen/Steel	8.8.81
4.	Tsing Yi Island	U.E.P.	General	6.8.81
5.	Mighty	Alsaada	General	6.8.81
7.	Djatinegara	Orr	Plywood	6.8.81
10.	Tong Jiang	Orr	Loading Urea	4.8.81
14.	Lainchangiang	Orr	Pipes	6.8.81
17.	Graigwen	Kanoo	Crude Barytes Ace	8.8.81
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19.	Amar	U.E.P.	Rebar	30.8.81
20.	Jade	U.E.P.	Bagged Cement	2.8.81
24.	Costa Arabica	IACC	Rebar	9.8.81
28.	Ilva Cufabuh	Kanoo	Gen/Steel	7.9.81
32.	Kalke Island	U.E.P.	General	8.8.81
33.	Elec Maersk	Kanoo	General	8.8.81
34.	Fuping	Orr	General	5.8.81
36.	Pesara Flag	S.M.C.	Cement Silo Vessel	4.1.78



CARTIER TRADEMARK: Alain D. Perrin (L), director of Cartier International of Paris, and Fernando Pelletier Barberena (R), president of "El Grupo Cartier de Mexico", announce simultaneously in Mexico City Tuesday that they have ended their long legal battle over the use of the Paris-owned Cartier trademark. Pelletier has been selling jewelry under the Cartier name in Mexico since the late sixties.

At Paris talks

Poor states plead for more aid

PARIS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Nepal, Uganda, Burundi and the Maldives have added their voices to the appeals of other least-developed countries (LDCs) for increased international aid to enable them to emerge from the economic morass engulfing them.

Nepalese Finance and Trade Minister Yadvav Prasad Pant told the United Nations conference on the LDCs Wednesday that the development programs conceived by the world's poorest nations needed aid from abroad to enable the "hopes and dreams" of their peoples to be realized.

Uganda's minister for planning and development, Sam Odaka, talked of the damage his country had suffered from the rule of dictator Idi Amin, the war which upended him and recent droughts. The landlocked nature of the country made regional cooperation necessary, especially with

Kenya, Tanzania and Sudan, he said.

Odaka said the conference was a "unique opportunity" for other countries to show effectively their political determination to promote international cooperation. "This opportunity must be seized because it is a contribution not only to humanity but to international peace and security," he added.

Burundi's planning minister, Serge Kanakiye, said the adoption and support of the new action program drawn up by the developing countries "Group of 77" was "an historic duty". And Maldives Foreign Minister Fathulla Jameel requested substantial aid from the international community and developed countries. He supported the United Nations aim for donor countries to furnish 0.7 percent of the gross domestic product in aid.

Poland to brief West on economy

PARIS, Sept. 9 (R) — Polish officials meet financial experts from the country's leading Western creditors in Paris Tuesday to brief them on the state of the economy and discuss the problem of repaying Poland's heavy debt.

A task force of experts from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Austria will be brought up to date on the

London Commodities

	Closing Prices	Wednesday	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	435.75	439.00	
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	573.00	565.00	
3 months	591.00	587.00	
Copper cash	935.50	939.50	
3 months	966.50	971.75	
Tin cash	8160.00	8140.00	
3 months	8337.50	8340.00	
Lead cash	438.00	439.00	
3 months	444.25	443.75	
Zinc cash	546.00	533.00	
3 months	557.50	546.25	
Aluminium cash	650.50	648.50	
3 months	675.50	673.50	
Nickel cash	3255.00	3187.50	
3 months	3322.50	3260.00	
Sugar October	137.10	136.35	
March	163.50	164.60	
Coffee September	930.00	895.00	
March	958.00	920.00	
Cocoa September	1233.00	1233.00	
December	1289.00	1290.00	

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

Dollar rates march ahead

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Sept. 9 — The dollar held onto its gains when the New York market reopened Tuesday night. Strong gains were made on the exchange markets against the French franc and the yen, while the British pound continued to fluctuate erratically in the face of market assessment of Britain's long-term oil revenue support. Gold went up over Polish worries, but later fell back from \$438 levels to \$431.50 Wednesday.

The domestic rial markets Wednesday saw a quieter day for rial deposits with little movements reported. The exchange markets however, reported some increased demand for dollars locally, as the American currency rose in value on the European markets.

Fears that the dollar will fall when the American markets re-opened Tuesday disappeared with the dollar adding on new strength. The German mark closed at 2.4390 in New York and Wednesday was traded at levels of 2.4340 after some Bundesbank support. The Polish situation hit the mark hardest as it is in a sensitive zone, compared to say, France. The French franc, however, was also reported to have lost a lot of ground against the dollar, closing in New York at 5.5550. On Wednesday, Paris bourses were trading the franc at 5.8400 by late afternoon. The yen was also the other major currency to fall back against the dollar, losing more than 200 points to be traded at 232.80 levels. Heavy importer buying of yen helped to keep the yen under 233.00 levels, but market analysts are expecting the yen to come under more pressure this week.

possibly taking the new exchange rate to 235.00 by next weekend.

In other currency news, the British pound fell even more from the 1.8010 levels of Tuesday, to close at 1.7850 in New York. Wednesday saw some quick profit taking push up the value of sterling, but the rate continued to fluctuate between 1.7835 — 1.7860 all day. Uncertainties over British trade union wage demands compounded sterling's problems.

The local exchange markets reflected the hectic business undertaken in Europe, with Wednesday seeing an upsurge in demand for the dollar. Spot rial dollar rates opened at 3.4210-20, but very quickly went up to 3.4215-25 by mid afternoon. Money brokers out of Bahrain said that OBU's — offshore booking units — also reported an upswing in business transactions out of Manama. The picture was slightly more different though as far as the domestic rial money markets were concerned. Rial rates tended to remain very much stable, encouraged by the fact that New York opening did not produce a sizeable easing in Eurodollar interest rates, and that no cuts in American prime rates were undertaken. JIBOR one-month deposit rates were quoted at 15 1/2 — 16 percent for most of the day, but some bankers reported that they had been offered at a lower level of 14 1/2 — 15 1/2 percent on opening. One-year deposit rates remained higher than one-month rates at 16 1/2 — 16 3/4 percent. Due to some excess liquidity, overnight funds came down to 12 — 13 percent compared to 13 — 14 percent a few days ago.

EEC to hike steel price 7%

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept. 9 (AP) — All European Community steel producers, except the Germans, have agreed to raise prices of all their products by an average of seven percent from Oct. 1, the European Commission reported Wednesday. European steel prices are inferior to U.S. and Japanese prices.

German producers have asked to defer by one month the 7 percent raise in the price of sections, hot-rolled plates of 3 mm and above and cold-rolled sheets of less than 3 mm.

The commission spokesman stressed the need for a price increase, due to the rising London stock market.

LONDON, Sept. 9 (R) — The market closed earlier after a quiet session with concern over U.S. interest rates affecting sentiment, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the forward trading index was down 4.5 at 546.b.

Government bonds closed little changed against overnight levels after a narrowly irregular trend. Dealers said the central government borrowing requirement figures had little impact on sentiment, but some trading statements depressed the equity sector. Gold shares ended higher with the bull on price but Canadians eased.

Bicc fell to 250 from 268 after the \$4857 rights issue proposal which accompanied its half year results, but rallied to close only 7p lower at 261p. Bowater fell 10p following its half time report before recovering to end 4p off at 251.

U.S. bank lends Romania \$120m

BUCHAREST, Sept. 9 (AFP) — The U.S. Export-Import Bank has granted a \$120 million line of credit to Romania for 18 years, including a grace period of eight years. Agereps news agency said Wednesday.

The funds are to facilitate the purchase of conventional equipment for the Romanian nuclear industry. The deal was signed by the Romanian Foreign Trade Bank.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	14.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	86.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	285.00	—	285.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	141.00	141.00	140.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.00	126.50	126.35
Egyptian Pound	—	3.85	4.14
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	92.75	93.20
French Franc (100)	59.00	59.00	58.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	57.00	57.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.10
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.00	28.20	28.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.70	—	14.70
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.16	10.085
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.08	12.035
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	72.80	72.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	57.00	61.10
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	35.00	34.85
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.45
Pound Sterling	6.16	6.15	6.0825
Qatari Rial (100)	—	93.25	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.00
Sri Lanka Rupee (1,000)	—	35.00	34.85
Syrian Lira (100)	163.00	161.75	161.40
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	57.00	63.35
U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.43	3.425
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	74.75	74.90

Selling Price Buying Price
Gold kg. 47,925.00 47,725.00
10 Tola bar 5,620.00 5,520.00
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Borg, Connors, Chris advance

Tanner ends Vilas' winning run

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (AP) — Top-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd overcame the wind Tuesday to breeze past Hans Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia and move into the women's semifinals of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

In a rematch of last year's final at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, Evert-Lloyd had no trouble, crushing Mandlikova, the No. 5 seed, 6-1, 6-3 in 56 minutes.

In the men's singles, No. 2 Bjorn Borg of Sweden defeated No. 13 Yannick Noah of France 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, while No. 9 Roscoe Tanner upset Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, the sixth seed, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6.

Fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors crushed Michael Cahill 6-3, 6-1, 6-1. Connors, who won this tournament in 1974, 1976 and 1978, needed only 91 minutes to beat Cahill, who had advanced to the fourth round by upsetting 12th-seeded Johan Kreik of South Africa.

Cahill's big serve was negated by Connors, service returns. Cahill served only five aces, and in the third set won only six points on his own serve and three off of Connors.

Mandlikova, who defeated Lloyd in the French Open and has played in the finals of

the last four grand slam tournaments, was never in Tuesday's match.

Mandlikova's only game in the opening set came when she broke Lloyd. She held her own serve only twice in the match.

Lloyd, who is going for her second straight U.S. Open title and her sixth in seven years, said the wind bothered her. Lloyd, who has a 7-2 career record over Mandlikova, gave the 19-year-old Czechoslovakian a lesson on the court.

When Mandlikova came to the net, Lloyd passed her. When Mandlikova stayed on the baseline, Lloyd ran her from side to side until the youngster made an error. If Lloyd didn't hit a winner, Mandlikova made an unforced error.

Tanner's victory continued the string of upsets that has struck the men's field of this tournament. He rode his booming serve past Vilas, who is more comfortable on clay than the rubberized asphalt surface here. But Vilas didn't go down without a fight.

Tanner has become a particular nemesis for Borg in big tournaments, and this will be the third year in a row they have met in the quarters. They played one of the most dramatic finals ever at Wimbledon in 1979, going to

five sets. Tanner upset Borg in the quarter here that year, and last year was up two sets to love before Borg pulled away.

The 1979 upset was played at night. Borg has made no secret of his distaste for night play. Noah was Borg's first truly top match here.

World mark sunk

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, Sept. 9 (R) — Ute Geweniger, a 17-year-old East German student, shattered her own world record for the 100 meters freestyle Tuesday night as she won the gold medal at the European Swimming Championship.

Her time of one minute 08.60 seconds flashed on the scoreboard to a roar from the huge crowd in the Poljud Swimming Complex who realized it had knocked a large chunk off the 1:09.39 she set in East Berlin in July.

After going out at a fierce pace to turn in 32.35 seconds, Geweniger stroked on strongly on the inward lap to touch a body-length in front of Britain's Susannah (Suki) Brownson, whose time of 1:11.05 broke the British and English records.



ALL SET: Roscoe Tanner is all set to deal with a Vilas return during the U.S. Open pre-quarterfinals match. Tanner won the tie 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 Tuesday.

Maree beats Overt for mile crown

RIETI, Italy, Sept. 9 (R) — South African-born Sydney Maree, who now runs for the United States after a legal battle, beat Britain's Steve Overt to win a thrilling mile race at an International Athletic meet here Wednesday.

Maree, 25, set the fourth fastest recorded time of three minutes 48.83 seconds. "This is just the beginning," said the jubilant Maree. Overt, also 25, finished second in 3:50.23 seconds after losing a sprint with Maree over the last 100 meters.

Maree, who lives in Philadelphia, set a U.S. record in his run Wednesday. "This win is for all the people and the lawyers who have done so much for me, working on my case."

In the 400 meters hurdles American world champion Ed Moses won his 66th victory in a row in 48.69 seconds. Another U.S. star, sprinter Mel Lattany, who took the 200 meters in the World Cup last Sunday, won the 100 meters in 10.16 seconds.

France makes under-21 final

LA LOUVIERE, Belgium, Sept. 9 (R) — France qualified for the final of the under-21 European Soccer Championship by beating Belgium 2-1 Tuesday night. The vital goal came seven minutes from the end.

France, with a match still to play, tops the group with six points. Belgium, which has completed its program, has four.

The Belgians dominated early play and opened the scoring from a penalty by Vander Elst after 26 minutes. Within four minutes a header from Zenier put France level.

With time running out, a mistake by the Belgian keeper allowed Henry to score the winning goal.

In Edinburgh, Scotland wore down a well drilled Swedish defence 4-0. Three goals came in the final 20 minutes.

Andy Blair put the Scots ahead in the 12th minute but the home team were often frustrated and the crowd restless. The Scots' over-age players, Paul Sturrock and Alan Brazil, shone as the team got on top after the break.

With 19 minutes left, Brazil headed through. John MacDonald then went on as substitute and promptly lifted the proceedings with an acrobatic third goal — a scissors kick from 20 meters out, with his back to goal. Four minutes from the end Sturrock got the final goal from Blair's pass.

George Best sparkles

Meanwhile, former Manchester United star George Best made a spectacular return to British football Tuesday night and admitted he had been approached by several league clubs.

He was in outstanding form while playing as a guest in a testimonial match for Middlesbrough and Northern Ireland goalkeeper Jim Platt against Sunderland.

With their own team struggling at the bottom of the First Division, Middlesbrough fans in the 7,000 crowd chanted "sign him oo."

Best, who is on a family holiday before a tour with African team San Jose Earthquakes, said after the game: "I am listening to offers. I am undecided whether to go back to America to play in an indoor league or play here in England. My home is in California and I cannot see me living permanently in England."

NASL's top four

In New York forward Georgin Chinaglia and defender Wim Rijdsbergen (of Holland) of the Cosmos, and goalie Jan Van Bevero (of Holland) and midfielder Teofilo Cubillas of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers have been named the top four players at their positions in balloting by North American Soccer League players.

Chinaglia, the League's scoring champion for the fourth time in six seasons, led all players in the all-star balloting. The full team will be announced later.

English results

English League Cup: Chester 1, Plymouth 1; Division Two: Leicester 1, Barnsley 0; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Rotherham 0.

Scottish Division One: Clydebank 0, Kilmarnock 0; East Stirling 2, Falkirk 2; Motherwell 2, Hamilton 2; Queen of South 1, Queen's Park 1.

Czech cyclists wins

SAINT-ETIENNE, France, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Czech Ladislav Ferebauer Wednesday won the first stage, 168 km (104.16 miles) here, of the Tour of the Future, the first major cycling race open to both amateurs and professionals.

French professional Pascal Poisson (Renault), who won the Prologue Tuesday, remained the overall leader.

Chris Chambliss stars in Braves thrilling victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 9 (AP) — Chris Chambliss hit a two-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Atlanta Braves a dramatic 3-2 victory over the Houston Astros Tuesday night.

The Braves were trailing 2-1 going into the inning, but reliever Joe Sambito hit Claudell Washington with a pitch to open the rally and reliever Billy Smith, 1-1, then surrendered a single to Bob Horner before Chambliss doubled, scoring Washington and pinch-runner Eddie Miller. Rick Camp, 8-2, who pitched the ninth inning, gained the victory.

The Astros were held to one hit for 71-3 innings by Larry McWilliams, making his first start for the Braves this season, but scored twice in the eighth on an RBI double by Gary Woods and run-scoring single by Kiko Garcia.

Houston's Vern Riffe allowed only three hits in seven innings while striking out two and walking one. Sambito started the eighth and was greeted with a home run by Bruce

Beodict, his fifth of the year.

In other National League action, Rusty Staub hit a solo homer and Lee Mazzilli rapped an RBI single to back the strong pitching of Ed Lynch as the New York Mets beat Pittsburgh 3-1, snapping a four-game winning streak for the Pirates.

Broderick Perkins drove in three runs with a double and two singles to back the six-hit pitching of Juan Eichelberger as the San Diego Padres defeated the Cincinnati Reds 6-1.

Garry Maddox knocked in five runs with a two-run single and a three-run homer as the Philadelphia Phillies spoiled the managerial debut of Jim Fanning by beating the Montreal Expos 10-5.

Steve Henderson delivered Chicago's second sacrifice fly in as many innings, scoring Jerry Morales from third base in the top of the 12th inning to give the Cubs a 4-3 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals.

In the American League, Eddie Murray hit a three-run homer while driving in four runs

for the second consecutive game as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Cleveland Indians 14-5.

Rob Wilfong's ninth-inning double scored pinch-runner Chuck Baker from second base as Brad Haves pitched his first major league shutout in Minnesota's 1-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Willie Aikens slammed his second home run in two games and singled to ignite a four-run rally in the fifth inning, powering the Kansas City Royals past California 5-3 for the Angels' fifth straight defeat.

Wayne Nordhagen hit a game-tying RBI single and went on to score the go-ahead run in the fifth inning to help Steve Trout and the Chicago White Sox to a 5-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Carl Yastrzemski hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs to spark the Boston Red Sox to a 5-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers. Rain washed out the Milwaukee-New York game.



THE JET CAR: Richard Noble poses with the Thrust 2, the jet car that has a 34,000 horse power, as it was unveiled in Metropole Hotel, Birmingham Tuesday. Noble will attempt a new world record on the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah next month. The current world land speed record held by America stands at 622.407 m.p.h.

BTC will not defend Jeddah Squash title

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Sept. 9 — The Jeddah Squash League starts Sunday Sept. 13 without the team that led the league all last season and eventually took the title. BTC lost most of its leading players over the Ramadan period and their absence now leaves Hochtief as the clear favorites for this season's title.

Thirty seven teams will compete in four divisions with the season scheduled to run through to December 20. The top three divisions have eight teams each and these will play one another on a home and away basis. The "D" Division has thirteen teams who will only play one match against the other teams in that division. Two new teams prove the ever increasing growth and popularity of squash in Jeddah.

Hussein El Nor, BTC's No. 1 player and the current Jeddah champion, is also no

longer in Jeddah and this should return Alan James of Hochtief to his former position as the West Coast's top player. Hochtief are in the happy position of having most of last season's team still available which makes the competition in the "A" Division definitely a question of who will get second place.

Newly promoted Samba looked to be a top contender with Colin Ramsay and Sean Black joining them, but Ramsay will now stay with Springbok and Samba No. 4. David Smith, leaves Jeddah soon, putting Samba out of the championship running.

The "B" Division looks set for a more even contest. Halcrow found themselves promoted, to fill the gap left by BTC, leaving several teams who finished close together last season. Sogex and Arabian Homes both received reprieves from relegation and the latter is now strengthened by Dave Pethers from Bedouins and Leo Stephenson from Andalus

Village, both first division players (ex-players).

Arabian Homes opens the season away to promote Bimladeo Organization, another of the teams which have most of last season's players still available. Hochtief "B" is also strengthened by the arrival of an ex-first division player. Roger Martin drops from the "A" team (poor chap!) and this must make Hochtief confident of a good season. They open against the second of the promoted teams, Philips Ericsson, and the match will give both teams a good indication of their chances for the coming season.

Two tournaments are planned, but both are scheduled for the Spring season. The individual tourney will decide the representatives for the national event. The team tourney is scheduled this year to run through the spring season and so will most likely have more than the twelve teams which competed last year.

Geoff Boycott suspended by Yorkshire

SCARBOROUGH, England, Sept. 9 (AP) — Geoff Boycott, England's controversial opening batsman, Wednesday was suspended for the rest of the cricket season by Yorkshire, his country team.

The suspension of 40-year-old Boycott came after England's record run-maker publicly called for a showdown with Yorkshire manager Ray Illingworth after being left out of the team for three recent matches.

Boycott was included in the line-up to play against Northamptonshire here, but was then ordered out of the dressing room when he arrived.

Illingworth said: "Geoffrey Boycott was suspended for the remainder of the season because of comments he has made on the radio, television and in the newspapers."

Boycott had hoped to avoid a confrontation with Illingworth until after the end of the season. "I am not getting a fair deal from the team manager and I am determined to have a showdown with him soon, but I prefer to leave it until after our last two matches because I don't want to do anything that might upset Yorkshire's chances of gaining points in those matches," he was quoted as saying Wednesday morning.

Illingworth, who has clashed before with England's top batsman, clearly decided not to wait. Boycott had no immediate reaction.

"I shall comment on Illingworth's statement and its implications when I have perused it," he said. "I think I have the right of reply within seven days according to the regulations and I shall be using that right when I am ready."

It was reported on Monday that a Yorkshire Club reform group members wanted former England captain Ray Illingworth to be relieved of his duties as team manager. The group had passed a vote of "no confidence" in Illingworth and they are to ask the cricket club to dismiss him at the end of the season.

Meanwhile, Jack Firth, the former Yorkshire and Leicestershire wicketkeeper, has died at the age of 63 at his home near Bradford. He played for Yorkshire in 1949 — 1950, and for Leicestershire from 1951 until his retirement in 1959.

American group offers to protect Springboks team

CHICAGO, Illinois, Sept. 9 (AFP) — An American Neo-Nazi group announced Tuesday that they would guard the stadium in Chicago where the controversial South African Springboks Rugby Union team are due to play a local side on Sept. 19.

The organizers have not named the exact location of the match. Several American civil rights organizations have already said they would demonstrate at the match against South African apartheid.

American National Socialist Party chief Michael Allen said that 100 party members had been assigned the guard duty. They will be dressed in plainclothes but armed "with what's legal," he said.

"We will make the game proceed without any disruption by the Communists who are planning the anti-apartheid demonstrations," Allen said.

Tyke Nollman, vice-president of the local club and organizer of the match, rejected all offers of help, including the Nazis. "The rugby community very much wants this match to go ahead. And it's going to happen. We're going to do it without any outside help — from Mayor Jane Byrne, the police department or anybody else."

American civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the civil rights group "Push" said that he was planning to take court action against the organizers of the match to find out where it would be.

The organizers have announced several possible sites, in an effort to frustrate protests. A second match is scheduled for Sept. 22 in New York, but once again no site has been announced.

New York City's Mayor Edward Koch forced an earlier match there to be cancelled when he claimed he could not guarantee the players' safety. Other American cities have refused to host Springbok matches for the same reason. Only Albany, the capital of New York State, accepted a match, for Sept. 26.

The American Nazi party chief said his guards would not intervene if the protestors were merely shouting out slogans. But, said he, "We will use force or violence if it's necessary." He said his men were not afraid to be arrested since the party had plenty of money for bail.

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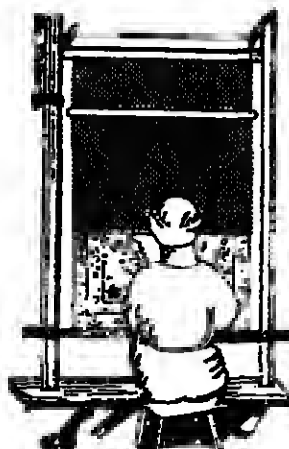
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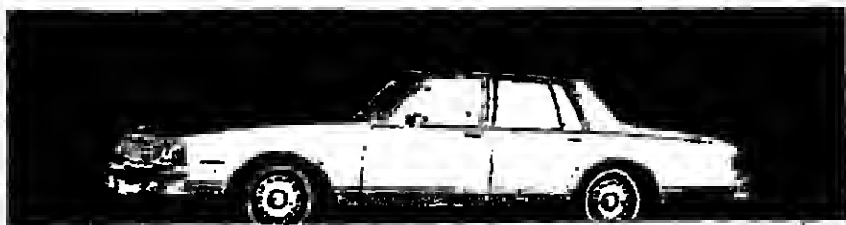
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Growing militancy seen

Solidarity demands free national election

GDANSK, Poland, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — Poland's Communist rulers faced a new challenge Wednesday as delegates at Solidarity's national congress prepared a call for free elections. The union's powerful Warsaw branch drew up a resolution declaring that "the road to the nation's sovereignty leads via democratic elections to representative organs."

Control of candidates for elected offices by the Communist-led National Unity Front made true democracy impossible, said the Warsaw resolution. It demanded that the secret ballot be made obligatory and that elections be thrown open to unlimited numbers of candidates outside the front.

If adopted, the Warsaw resolution would fit into a pattern of the growing militancy of the congress which Tuesday sent a message of support for free trade unions elsewhere in Communist Europe and demanded a referendum on worker self-management in Poland.

With the congress appearing to turn increasingly radical and political, one dele-

gate pressed Wednesday for a secret ballot on the union's attitude to the ruling Communist Party. The party's "leading role" in the nation's life is recognized in an annex to Solidarity's statutes.

The demand for a secret poll on this sensitive issue was made by Lech Sobieszek, one of the leaders of last year's strike wave. He called for the ballot after the majority of the 892 delegates voted against his earlier proposal to amend the statutes on this point. Sobieszek said the vote was a "manipulation." The speaker formally acknowledged his request though no time was set for the ballot.

Tuesday's message to East bloc workers was, however, not reported in the Polish media. The Communist Party newspaper in Gdansk, *Głosywrzesnia*, appeared with a blank spot where censors cut the report. The official PAP news agency has only referred to a message of support to workers in Socialist nations. PAP also reported that the union's call for a referendum on worker self-management "can become an area of serious conflict."

The Communist Party's national daily, *Trybuna Ludu*, accused the union of blocking the authorities' attempts to find "constructive solutions" to the nation's political, social and economic problems.

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass has fiercely attacked Solidarity, and Western diplomats said Moscow would view the union's support for free trade unions throughout Eastern Europe as an escalation of subversive activity.

Western diplomats in Moscow said the Soviet media had often charged that extremists in the leadership sought state power. But Tuesday's dispatch, by dropping any reference to "extremists," appeared to denounce the entire leadership.

"Judging by everything, the creation of an impasse is exactly what suits the conductors of the congress because they are aiming at seizing political power in Poland and want to undermine the faith of the working people in the Socialist people's state," Tass said.



SOLIDARITY CONGRESS: Large banners hang from the ceiling of the Olimpia sports hall in Gdansk where the Solidarity free trade union is currently holding its first national congress. Nearly 900 delegates are attending the congress. The union was born in the shipyards of Gdansk a year ago.

Army cartoons ridicule Polish union

WARSAW, Sept. 9 (Agencies) — Poland's hard-line army newspaper *Zolnierz Wolnosci* has chosen a new weapon to attack the Solidarity trade union congress — the political cartoon. The daily has printed cartoons attacking the union for three days in a row, illustrating some of its deep misgivings about the movement, its tactics, aims and advisers.

The first depicted delegates arriving at the Gdansk congress carrying briefcases with the initials KOR or KPN — both anti-Communist dissident groups. The next day, a Solidarity speaker was shown on the rostrum addressing the congress before a cluster of microphones from the BBC, RFE and other Western news organizations. The speaker was pushing away and muzzling a Polish television microphone.

Wednesday's cartoon was a parody of the color poster Solidarity has printed to mark its first congress. The poster shows a young child toddling through a field of flowers. *Zolnierz* showed the child being led off by a KOR dissident and a caption asked: "Is this a safe guardian?"

Not a single nationally-distributed newspaper however, published the Solidarity's statement Tuesday in support of free labor movements in Eastern Europe. Informed sources said the information control office here ordered the newspapers not to mention the unprecedented Solidarity resolution, voted by 900 delegates to the Gdansk congress.

The newspapers' correspondents had thoroughly covered earlier developments at the congress, the sources noted. Early

reports from the news agency PAP and the Polish radio mentioned the Solidarity resolution, but said simply that it was a "message of support" for workers in Eastern Europe. Even this sentence disappeared from later agency and radio reports on the congress, observers said.

Newspapers did, however, report a Solidarity resolution demanding that the Polish parliament call of national referendum on worker self-management, and threatening a boycott of the legislation if parliament adopted it as it stands.

Press reaction to that resolution was generally moderate although the state-controlled radio and television stations attacked it strongly, accusing Solidarity of trying to impose its views on the people's representatives in parliament.

Cuba blames America for eye illness

HAVANA, Sept. 9 (AFP) — The Cuban government Wednesday accused the United States of conducting bacteriological warfare against Cuba, as an eye illness accompanied by severe bleeding reached epidemic proportions. The conjunctivitis with its attendant hemorrhaging affected 1,815 persons over a five day period between last Wednesday and Monday, the Communist Party newspaper *Granma* reported.

"The strange and inexplicable manner in which this illness reached Cuba ... confirms our deepest suspicions that the imperialist government of the United States is using bacteriological weapons against our country," the Cuban government said in a statement quoted by *Granma*.

The newspaper reported that 1,322 of the 1,815 persons who contracted the conjunctivitis — an inflammation of membranes covering the eyelid and eyeball — fell ill in Havana. The illness generally begins as an ordinary conjunctivitis, but gradually worsens, lasting from one to two weeks. There were no immediate reports of any deaths.

The Pan-American Health Office said the epidemic began late last month in Surinam, then spread to Honduras and the northern coast of Colombia. "Countries with which Cuba has no type of exchange of personnel," according to a government statement, Cuban leader Fidel Castro earlier accused the United States of being responsible for dengue, a contagious illness that killed 113 persons in Cuba between late May and late July.

The Cuban government said its accusations were substantiated by an article published on Sept. 1 in Florida's *Miami Herald* which reportedly gave details of bacteriological warfare operations against Cuba under the presidency of Richard Nixon.

The operations, code-named the "Cuba project," reportedly got under way in 1954 under the presidency of Dwight Eisenhower, reached paramilitary proportions under John Kennedy, and were reactivated by President Nixon, the Cubans said.

Angola denies presence of Soviet troops

LUANDA, Sept. 9 (AFP) — President of Angola Jose Eduardo Dos Santos Wednesday said there was not a single East German or Soviet soldier in the country. "We have never denied the presence in our country of internationalist Cubans," added Dos Santos, who was speaking to Western and Eastern bloc reporters here.

South Africa's Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan said on Sept. 9 that South African forces killed two Soviet officers and captured a Soviet sergeant-major in their latest armed intervention in Angola. The president said that Angola had recently declared that the Cuban presence had lessened since it began in 1975 as the capacity of Angola's defense forces had increased.

"We also said that we had concluded a cooperation agreement with the Soviet Union. Within the framework of the same agreement, we have instructors who are helping us to train our officers and organize our armed forces," he continued. "We do not have this kind of agreement with the Soviet Union only." Dos Santos said, "I must say that we have accords with lots of countries, including Western countries, in many fields."

Dos Santos said he did not understand why the argument of a Soviet presence in Angola was used to delay an independence settlement for South African-controlled Namibia. SWAPO Namibian nationalists opposed to the South African presence have been operating from bases in southern Angola.

Western journalists who last week visited southern Angola at the invitation of the authorities here witnessed the presence of Soviet advisers but found no proof of their direct involvement in the fight against the South Africans or in training SWAPO.

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Exercises to keep efficiency, Soviets say

MOSCOW, Sept. 9 (R) — The Soviet Union said Wednesday its large-scale maneuvers near Poland's borders were essential to maintaining military efficiency and implicitly rejected Western suggestions that they were intended to intimidate the reformers in Poland.

Western defense officials have expressed alarm over the location and scale of the maneuvers, involving almost 100,000 troops. The exercises were planned several months in advance but coincide with the first national congress of the Polish free trade union Solidarity.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, without making any specific reference to Poland, said Wednesday they were purely a defensive exercise. The paper added: "We should remember that the troops and naval exercises of the armed forces of the

Soviet Union, 'West-81,' have a scale and size essential and sufficient to attain its clear and concrete aim ... the perfection of military efficiency, the co-ordination of divisions and units, types and aspects of the armed services."

Pravda cited a series of Soviet and Warsaw Pact exercises over the last few years which, it said, had exactly the same purpose — "not just a banishing of weapons but the training of troops to an appropriate level."

"This is what is meant by maximum simulation of the conditions of modern warfare in the West-81 maneuvers," the Soviet paper said. Western diplomats in Moscow have accused the Soviet Union of neglecting its obligation under the Helsinki agreement to give advance information of the size of planned maneuvers. The Dutch Foreign Ministry

Tuesday said it had asked Moscow for more information on the exercises.

In Warsaw, the Polish Army newspaper, *Zolnierz Wolnosci*, Wednesday reported joint exercises with East German troops at the border between their two countries. The announcement followed a report on state television Tuesday of joint Polish-Soviet exercises and came as big Soviet war games continued around Poland.

The daily said Polish and East German Army engineers had linked up for a few days to build a bridge across the River Odra, on the border. The soldiers had used Russian for communication, it added. There was no mention in *Zolnierz Wolnosci* of the tank exercises reported Tuesday night on state television, raising the possibility that viewers might have been shown an old film.

Suzuki resolute on increasing defense budget

TOKYO, Sept. 9 (AFP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Wednesday he was determined to increase Japan's defense spending by 7.5 percent in fiscal 1982, which starts in April. Speaking at the annual convention of the Research Institute of Japan, a private organization, the prime minister said, "our policy of defense buildup will not be affected by what the United States and West Germany are doing."

"We have decided on a 7.5 percent rise in effort to smoothly increase our defensive strength as needed for our national self-defense," Suzuki said.

Meanwhile, the Soviet media Wednesday launched strong attacks on Japan for whipping up anti-Soviet "chauvinist hysteria" and on China for "armed provocation" over the Vietnamese border. The Soviet news agency Tass slammed the inspection trip of Zenko Suzuki to the Kuriles islands, claimed by Japan from the Soviet Union, as "absurd and provocative."

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a date for Prince Fahd's visit to the United States.

One source suggested Haig may want to reassure the Crown Prince that there would not be any last minute hitches in a proposed \$8.5 billion arms sale to the Kingdom that would include five sophisticated AWACS radar aircraft.

Begin has said he will make known Israel's opposition to the sale while in Washington. There have been published reports attributed to Saudi Arabian officials that Fahd would refuse to visit the United States if the AWACS deal isn't approved.

U.S. to maintain hard-line policy

PARIS, Sept. 9 (AFP) — The United States has told the United Nations that it has not changed its hard-line policy on so-called global negotiations despite a declaration signed by President Ronald Reagan indicating support for the negotiations process, well-informed sources said here Wednesday.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, in a letter to General Assembly President Baron Rudiger Von Weizsacker, said that Washington's position was unchanged from before the Ottawa summit and will not change until "a period of reflection" after the October summit in Cancun, Mexico, said the sources, who had read the letter.

In Ottawa, Reagan signed a collective communiqué saying that the seven summit countries were ready to "participate in preparations for a mutually acceptable process of global negotiations."

The United States was the only Western industrialized power that remained firmly opposed to the negotiations, aimed at revamping economic relations between rich and poor countries, and the Ottawa communiqué was widely interpreted as a softening of the U.S. position.

Haig also said the United States believed that Von Weizsacker should stop his private consultations on the matter and hand the issue over to his successor. The General Assembly had asked Von Weizsacker to undertake the private talks in attempts to get the negotiations, stalled for the past 18 months, moving again.

Top U.S. officials here refused to confirm or deny the existence of the letter, dated in early August, saying that there could be no comment on internal U.S. government communication and on how Washington conveyed its opinion to Von Weizsacker. But there has been no final decision by Washington about global negotiations, and "we are still very skeptical about the process," said an official, who declined to be identified.



SOVIET CONTACT: Air Force 2nd Lt. Christopher Cooke, who is accused of passing U.S. nuclear missile secrets to the Soviet Union, leaves the military court at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland for lunch Tuesday, on the first day of his trial.

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